

**NAA: B2455, PENDER JAMES ROBERT**

**Series number:** B2455

**Control symbol:** PENDER JAMES ROBERT

**Barcode:** 8010768

**Number of pages:** 58

**Title:** PENDER James Robert : Service Number - 3458 : Place of Birth - North Melbourne VIC : Place of Enlistment - Geelong VIC : Next of Kin - (Wife) PENDER Minnie

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).

21.7.15

**D**

23285

RAILIAN



MILITARY FORCES.

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

D2  
3458  
14<sup>K</sup> B

**Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.**

No. 3458

Name James Robert Pender

Unit 11/14

Joined on 9/7/15

11th. Reinf. S.  
14th. Battalion.

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

1. What is your Name? ... Pender James Robert
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ...  
near the Town of North Melbourne  
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) ... Yes.
4. What is your age? ... 38 years.
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Watchman
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... No
7. Are you married? ... Yes
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ...  
Wife Pender Minnie  
Parkington St  
Geelong West
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 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? ... Yes
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... Yes

James Robert Pender 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.\* † wife and children.

Date 9/7/15

James Pender  
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 9/9/15

[Signature]  
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.\*

I, James Robert Pender swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 21. 7. 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.

[Signature]  
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Geelong in  
the State of Victoria  
this ninth day July of  
1915 19 , before me—

[Signature]  
Signature of Attesting Officer.

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



3

Description of Pender James Robert on Enlistment.

Age 38 years - months.  
Height 5 feet 9 inches.  
Weight 11 Stone 7 lbs.  
Chest Measurement 37 inches.  
Complexion Fair  
Eyes Blue  
Hair Brown  
Religious Denomination RC

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

*Slipping Ballet -  
Gill left forearm*

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

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

*W. J. Pender*  
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 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 9.7.15

Place Islelong.

*Alfred J. ...*  
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 9/14

Place \_\_\_\_\_ Commanding 9/14

D.377/4.15.—C.4877.



NON-EFFECTIVE RECORDS  
CARD CHECKED

4

Statement of Service of No. 3458

Name *Pender James Roberts*

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
<i>Stemington</i>				
<i>P. Co by July 20</i>				
<i>Galong Coy</i>				
<i>10/8/15</i>				
<i>Galong Rfb</i>				
<i>10/9/15</i>				
<i>11/14 to 17/9/15</i>	<b>TAKEN ON STRENGTH</b>	<i>14<sup>th</sup> Bn</i>	4-3-16	<i>P/617 3882 25/3/16</i>
	<b>REMOVED UNIT</b>		24-3-16	<i>P/620 5183 3/4/16</i>
	<i>To Hoop</i>	<i>Sick</i>	22-3-16	<i>P/620 5194 3/4/16</i>
	<i>To duty ex 4<sup>th</sup> Hld Amb</i>		23-3-16	<i>P/621 5315 10/4/16</i>
				<i>90-A.E. Missing</i>
	<i>Ref. D.O. 475784 Note Complete entry and in line above read (Count of Engage 24/1/14)</i>			<i>P. 10/3/24 11/4/14</i>
	<i>Now ref</i>			
<i>14<sup>th</sup> Bn</i>	<b>KILLED IN ACTION.</b>		<i>France 2.7.16</i>	<i>61186.1358</i>
				<i>17FC 87811</i>
	<i>Missing in action</i>			<i>8 Mem</i>

SEE COPY A.F. B103 ENCLOSED

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



21.7.15

*Certified true copy*

*Dalgarno*

AUSTRALIAN



*S.O. 11 Rmpts 14 Batt*  
MILITARY FORCES.

*SM D*

# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

## Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 3458

Name James Pender

Unit 11th Rmpts 14 Batt

Joined on 9. 7. 15

*James Pender*

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

1. What is your Name? ... Pender James Robert
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... North Melbourne
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... Yes
4. What is your age? ... 38 yrs
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Hatchman
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... No
7. Are you married? ... Yes
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... Wife Pender Muriel 15, Parkington St Ne Investment City Bulong West
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... No send reply to
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incorrigible 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 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? ... Yes
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... Yes

James Robert Pender 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~~ three-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my <sup>wife.\* †</sup> wife and children.

Date 9/7/15

James Pender  
Signature of person enlisted.

D.377/1.15.—C.602.

\* 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 naturalised British Subjects.)

Date 9/7/15

C. Kelly for Kala  
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.\*

3, James Robert Pender swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 21. 7. 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.

Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Geelong in  
the State of Victoria  
this ninth day July of  
1915 19, before me—

C. Kelly for Kala  
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.



3

Description of Pender James Robert on Enlistment.

Age <u>38</u> years — months.	DISTINCTIVE MARKS. <i>Shrapnel Ball Jilt left forearm</i>
Height <u>5</u> feet <u>9</u> inches.	
Weight <u>11st 7</u> lbs.	
Chest Measurement <u>37</u> inches.	
Complexion <u>Fair</u>	
Eyes <u>Blue</u>	
Hair <u>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 9. 7. 15

Place Geelong.

*W. Sheppard*  
Signature of Examining Medical Officer.  
*W. Sheppard*

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 11<sup>th</sup> Regt 14 Batt

Date 1 7 15

Place Broar Meadows

Commanding 11/14 Batt

D.377/4.15.—C.4027.



Statement of Service of No. 3458

Name Pender James

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
<del>Dlemington July 26 1915 P Coy</del>		20/7/15	10/8/15	
<del>Yuelong C Coy 10/9/15</del>		10/9/15		
<del>Galong Rfb 10/11/15</del>			17.9.15	
<del>11/11/15</del>				

**11th R'FS: 14 BATTN.**

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



3658

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regimental No. 3458  
 Enlisted (a) 9/7/15  
 Date of promotion to present rank

Re-engaged  
 Extended

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

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

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

Regiment of Corps 11  
 Rank Pte.  
 Name Pender - James, J.  
 Service reckons from (a) 9/7/15  
 Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os. 11

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				
	CO B213	JOINED UNIT	Tel el Kebir	4/8/16	AP559; 11 MAR 1916
25.3.16		To Hospital	Tel el Kebir	22.3.16	A.P. 6788
25.3.16		Rejoined Unit	Tel el Kebir	24.3.16	A.P. 6788
25.3.16		Adm 4 Amst F.A.	Tel el Kebir	23.3.16	
25.3.16		Disce to duty	Tel el Kebir	23.3.16	
25.3.16		Comms			
25.3.16		Proceeded to join 1967	Hance.	1/6/16	AP559
25.3.16		Disembarked at	Manuelas	8/4/16	AP559
25.3.16		Reported missing	Field	7/1/16	AT 2090
25.3.16			Hance		C182 176-19/4/16 21/4/16
25.3.16					AP-249/1895-4

(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) e.g. Signaller, Shoeing Smith, 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				
20/7/16	Clery	Count of Enquiries held at Newry 20/7/16 with regard to the report. Missing 2/7/16 there is no further evidence to hand	Field Force	20/7/16	237/23/5
20/7/16	Clery	Reply to Missing list of 2/7/16 no further report	Field Force	20/7/16	55/528/5-4938 Cm III VL 336 5/5/17
28/4/17	Count of Enquiries	Previously reported Missing 2/7/16. Now Reported Killed in action 2/7/16	France	2/7/16 Cm 2/10 18/3/24	19/528/2

ORIGINAL. Copies Forwarded to Defence Melb Hd Qts AIF & Chief Paymaster London with AF B2090a - 5/17. 13/6/17

Anzac Section 3rd Echelon, G.H.C.  
British Expeditionary Force

-----Lieut  
Officer i/c Records

NAA: B2455, PENDER JAMES ROBERT

National Archives of Australia



Army Form B. 103.

Regimental Number 3458

**Casualty Form—Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps **14TH BATTALION, A.I.F. (I.Lth. Reinf)**

Rank **Private** Surname **PENDER** Christian Name **JAMES R.**

Religion ..... Age on Enlistment ..... years ..... months

Enlisted (a) **9/7/15** Terms of Service (a) ..... Service reckons from (a) .....

Date of promotion to present rank ..... Date of appointment to lance rank .....

Extended { ..... } Re-engaged { ..... } Qualification (b) .....

Occupation { ..... } or Corps Trade and Rate .....

Signature of Officer .....

Date	Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B.215, Army Form A. 35, 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.215, Army Form A. 35, or other official documents.
	Date	From whom received				
11/3/16	G/O 14th Bn	Joined 14th Battalion	Embarked ...	Tel-el-Kebir	4/3/16	AP5597 D/O I-17/3882
25/3/16	C/O 14th Bn	To Hospital sick	Disembarked...	Tel-el-Kebir	22/3/16	AP6788 D/O 20/5194
25/3/16	C/O 4th Aust Field Amb	Admitted " Corns "		Tel-el-Kebir	23/3/16	C5988
25/3/16	C/O 14th Bn	Discharged to duty		"	23/5/16	"
1/6/16	O.C. Troops Transylvania	Rejoined Unit ex Hosp		Tel-el-Kebir	24/3/16	AP6788 D/O 21/5315
		Proceeded to join B.E.F. per " Transylvania " ex		France	1/6/16	AP5574
		Disembarked at		Alexandria	-----	
				Marseilles	8/6/16	LR5755

(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.  
 W. 1386—M477 1100m 1/17 (12704) S P 8 Co, Ltd. Forms B. 103/4 E. /354. P.T.O



Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B.213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
6/7/16	C/O 14th Bn	Reported Missing in action	France	2/7/16	AT2090 CIBL I76/ 19/7/16 217/1/3. D/O 43/8784
28/4/17	C/O 14th Bn Court of Enquiry	Previously reported Missing in action 2/7/16 Now Reported KILLED IN ACTION 2/7/16	France	2/7/16	55-- 19/588/2 Corr D/O I8/3724 Corr VL-336-5/5/I7
	ANZAC SECTION 3RD ECHELON.G.H.Q. British Expeditionary Force.				(SGD.) S.H. CRAWFORD -----Liait . Officer i/c Records

Pl.



Army Form B. 103.

Regimental Number. 3458

**Casualty Form—Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps. 14TH BATTALION A.I.F. (11th ReInf)

Rank Private PENDER Christian Name James R.

Religion ..... Age on Enlistment ..... years ..... months

Enlisted (a) 9/7/15 Terms of Service (a) ..... Service reckons from (a) .....

Date of promotion to present rank ..... Date of appointment to lance rank .....

Extended ..... Re-engaged ..... Qualification (b) .....  
 or Corps Trade and Rate .....

Occupation ..... Signature of Officer .....

Date	Report From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B.25, 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.25, Army Form A.36, or other official documents.
		Embarked ...	Disembarked...			
11/3/15	C/O 14th Bn	Joined 14th Battalion		Tel-el-Kebir	4/3/16	AP5597 D/O-17/3882
25/3/16	C/O 14th Bn	To Hospital sick		Tel-el-Kebir	22/3/16	AP6788 D/O 20/5194
25/3/16	C/O 4th Aust Field Amb	Admitted " Corns "		Tel-el-Kebir	23/3/16	C5988
		Discharged to duty		"	23/3/16	"
25/3/16	C/O 14th Bn	Rejoined Unit ex Hosp		Tel-el-Kebir	24/3/16	AP6788 D/O 21/5315
1/6/16	O.C. Troops Transylvania	Proceeded to join B.E.F. per " Transylvania " ex Disembarked at		France Alexandria Marseilles	1/6/16	AP8574
					8/6/16	LR5755

(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, Shoching-Smith, &c.  
 W.1385—M1477 1000m 1/17 (12702) S P & Co. Ltd. Forms B./103/4 E./154. P.T.O.







MY RECEIPT SLIP FOR MEMORIAL SCROLL.

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Department of Defence, one Memorial Scroll and King's Message, in connexion with the late No. 3458, Private J.R. Pender,

14th Battalion.

(Signature) *Merini E Pender*

(Date) *12. 10. 21*

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

NAA: B2455, PENDER JAMES ROBERT  
National Archives of Australia





**HARWOOD & PINCOTT,**

FREDERIC RUPERT PINCOTT.  
HENRY PERCIVAL DOUGLASS.  
DAVID FYFE GRIFFITHS.  
EUSTACE EDMUND WILSON, LL.B.

**SOLICITORS & NOTARIES.**

*51, Yarra Street.*

*Geelong* 9th. Feb. 1917

B/V

The Officer in Charge,  
Base Records Office,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne :

Dear Sir,

re Private J. R. Pender deceased  
No. 3458, 14th. Batt.

Your letter of 6th. inst. to hand  
and we note that the abovenamed is still re-  
ported missing. We also note that you will  
advise us as soon as you hear anything de-  
finite as to his death.

Yours faithfully,

*Harwood Pincott*  
*Amoy*  
*107*





NS  
1460-16  
17  
20  
23

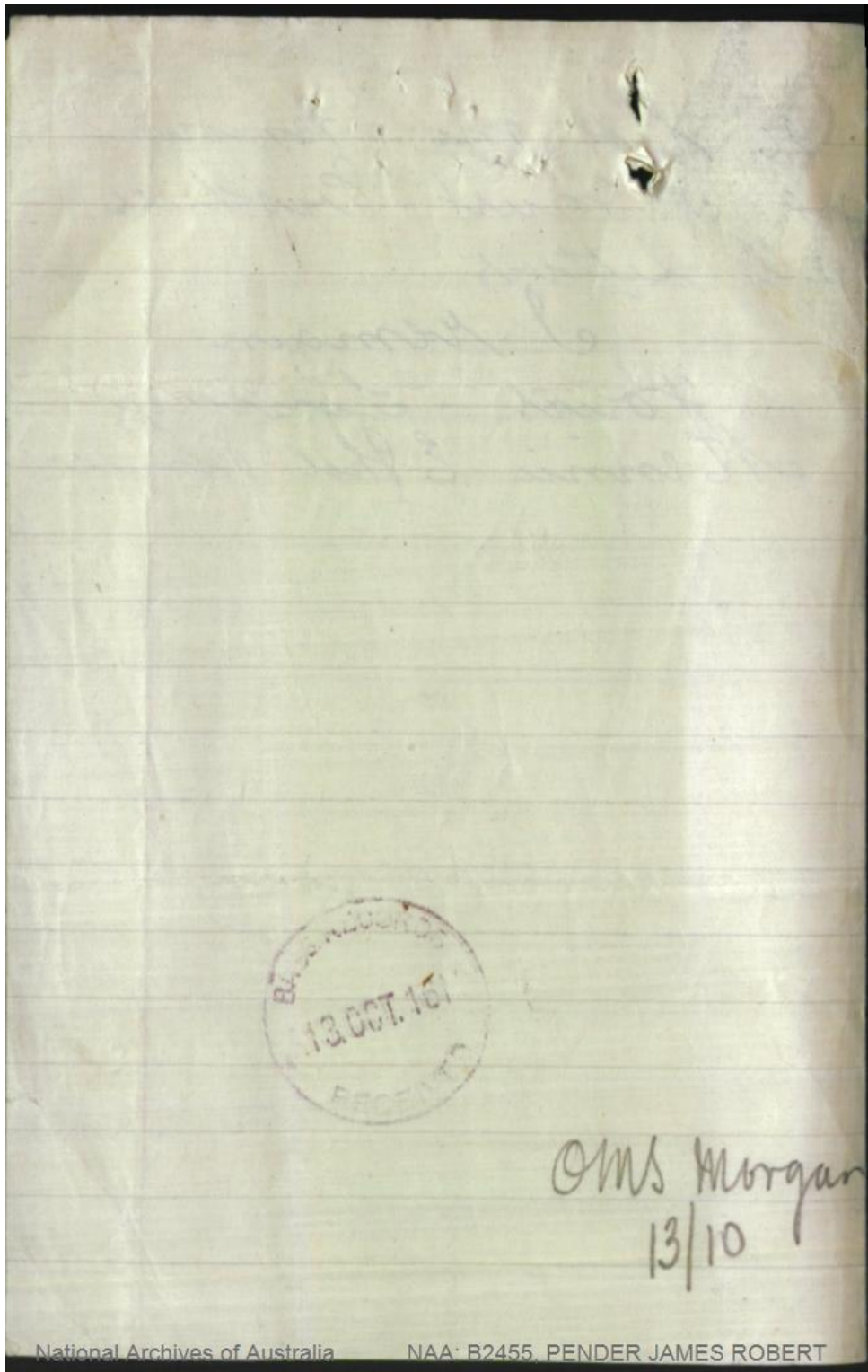
15 Jackson St  
Geelong West

Dear Sir

CORRESPONDENCE SECTION  
NOV 6 1916  
RECEIVED  
M.S.  
1-11-16  
1916  
8/11

Will you kindly supply me with my husband certificate of Death of Private J. R. Pender no 3458 14 Battalion A Company who was reported in Chaplain Cope letter killed in action my reason for writing is to send the certificate of Death in to the Lodge Hibernian Society







P E N D E R

James

11/14/Bn.

Surname

Given Names

Regimental No.

Unit.

AUTHORITY.

GRATUITY SCHEDULE

PURPORT.

Emb. at Melbourne on H.M.A.T. A.71 "Nestor", 11/10/15.

Pte.

4.3.16 T.O.S. of 14th Battn. at Tel-el-Kebir posted to "A"

Company

(MW)

MEFO 17/19-6

24.3.16 Rejoined Unit Tel-el-Kebir

"

MEFO 20/21-16

22.3.16 To Hospital Sick Tel-el-Kebir

"

" 20/21/16

23.3.16 Disc. to duty ex 4th Fld. Amb. Tel-el-Kebir

"

" 21/3-16

~~3.7.16 --Wounded-In-Action---~~ FRANCE

(MW)

BEFO 43/1-16

Ref. D.O. 43 deleted Read KILLED IN ACTION on 2.7.16

BEFO. 18/9-16

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, PENDER JAMES ROBERT

PURPORT.

AUTHORITY.

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, PENDER JAMES ROBERT



FIELD SERVICE.

Army Form B. 2090A.

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) I 4TH BATTALION A.I.F. Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company }  
OR CORPS )  
Regimental No. 3458 Rank Private  
Surname PENDER Christian Names James R.

Date 2nd July 1916 Place France

Causes of Death\* KILLED IN ACTION

Nature and Date of Report Court of Enquiry held on 28/4/17

By whom made Commanding Officer 14th Battalion A.I.F.

\* 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.

Burial { Place Particulars not yet to hand Date -  
By whom reported -

State whether he leaves { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Will not received  
a Will or not { (c) as a separate document - (b) in Small Book (if at Base) -

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 Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the Deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the

Anzac Section of the ~~War Office~~ War Office, if should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

British Expeditionary Force  
Station and Date 24/5/17  
Signature of Officer in charge of Section W. W. W. W. W. Lieut  
Adjutant-General's Office at the Base Officer i/c Records

(452) W5557/M830 500,000 1016 JFW [E322] Forms/B2090A/2

TELEPHONE 1913.

CABLE ADDRESS - BREVE.

NS  
1.3

**HARWOOD & PINCOTT,**

FREDERIC RUPERT PINCOTT.  
HENRY PERCIVAL DOUGLASS.  
DAVID FYFE GRIFFITHS.  
EUSTACE EDMUND WILSON, LL.B.

**SOLICITORS & NOTARIES.**

*51, Yarra Street.*

*Geelong* 28th. Feb. 1917

B/✓

The Officer in Charge,  
Base Records Office,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne :

Dear Sir,

re Private J. R. Pender deceased  
No. 3458, 14th. Batt. A.I.F.

Your letter of 24th. inst. to hand,  
and we note your remarks. Please notify us  
as to the fate of the above named as soon as  
you receive word from Headquarters, London.

Yours faithfully,

*Harwood & Pincott*



*W. Morgan*  
1/3

*Sheppard*  
1/9/17  
MAR 1 - Recd



14th Battn.  
A.I.F.

FRANCE.

M. July 2nd 1916.

PENDER.  
J.R. 3458.

Lieut. Julian was killed in the raid at Bois Grenier and Pender was his batman. Pender went out to look for Lieut. Julian but never returned. The S.Bs. say they saw Lieut. Julians body in the German barbed wire and Pender's a little way from it.

Reference; -

Private P. Coleman, 2834.

No. 20th General Hospital  
Etaplese. 15/8/16.

FWC

Off. M.

France.

A.I.F. 14.

Pender J.R. 3498.

M. 2.7.16.

He was Mr. Julian's batman. Mr. Julian was killed one night early in July in a bombing raid. Pender, hearing that his officer had been killed, said he must go out to fetch him in. He went out and we never saw him again.

GSP.

Reference: Pto. J. Stark. 3494. B.  
22 Gen.

Staples. 15th. Aug. 1916.

6/11/51



14th Battn.  
A.I.F.

I.R.PENDER  
3458.

M. July 2nd 1916

Informant says Pender was Batman to Lieut. Julien, when  
he found out Lieut. Julien was killed he went out and did not return  
on July 2nd 1916.

Reference; - Sergt. G.F. Wilson.  
14th Battalion. A Company  
Harefield Hospital

6/3/16

London  
18/8/16  
S. Fairbairn.

Off. M.

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, PENDER JAMES ROBERT

14th Battn.  
A.I.F.,

FRANCE.

PENDER. J.R. 3458

Missing-2-7-16.

He was batman to 2nd.Lieut. Julian. We made a raid at Bois Grenier in which 2nd.Lt. Julian was killed. Pender went out to look for his master and never returned.

Ref. Pte. E. Watson, 2670.

4th General. Staples. 10-8-16.

FWC.

Off. M.



JML/MB.

5022 December, 6

18121

Dear Madam,

I return herewith the letter which accompanied your communication of the 26th inst., concerning the case of your husband No. 3458 Private J. Pender, 14th Battalion, who is officially posted missing, and in view of its contents, have despatched a cable message of enquiry to Australian Imperial Force Headquarters, London. Upon receipt of a reply you will be again communicated with.

Yours faithfully,

Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. W. Pender,  
15 Pakington Street,  
Sydney, N.S.W.

NAA: B2455, PENDER JAMES ROBERT

1887

30th January 1917.

34684

Dear Sirs,

Re Private James Robert Pender, No. 3458,  
14th Battalion, A.I.F.

-----

In reply to your request for a certificate of report of death of the abovenamed, I have to state this soldier is still posted as "Missing", and no further action in this connexion may be taken, until the case has been decided by a Court of Enquiry.

Yours faithfully,

Messrs. Harwood & Pincott,  
Solicitors & Notaries,  
51 Yarra Street,  
GEELONG. VIC.

Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records.



BOIL.  
14/3458.

6th February 1917.

36604

Dear Sirs,

In reply to your communication of the 1st instant, it is regretted no definite statement may be made as to when the case of No. 3458, Private J.R.Pender, 14th Battalion, posted "missing" may be decided by a Court of Enquiry. A cable dated London, 31st Ultimo states, "no satisfactory evidence can be obtained regarding No. 3458 Pender, J.R. - still missing".

Every endeavour is made by the Authorities at the Front to expedite the clearing up of these "missing" cases, and next-of-kin will be notified at the earliest possible moment.

Yours faithfully,

Messrs. Harwood & Pincott,  
Solicitors & Notaries,  
51 Yarra Street,  
GEEELONG. VIC.

Major,  
Officer i/c Base Records.

RC.

6th February

7

Dear Madam,

36451

In continuation of this office memo to you of the 31st December last, concerning your husband, No. 3458 Private J. R. Pender, 14th Battalion, who is officially posted as Missing since 2.7.1916, the following reply has been received by cable from London :-

" No satisfactory evidence can be obtained regarding No. 3458 Private J. R. Pender, 'still missing' "

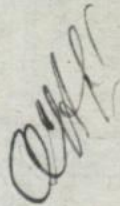
Should further information come to hand, you will be promptly notified.

Yours faithfully,

Major.

Officer i/c Base Records.

s. M. Pender,  
Pakington Street,  
GEELONG, WEST,  
VICT.





THIS SLIP TO BE INSERTED IN SOLDIER'S FILE.

W.

*D. Gribbes London*

EXTRACT OF BR.

SENT TO

DATE *5. 1. 17*  
CONCERNING *3458 Pender J.R.*  
UNIT. *14 Bata.*

*When may we expect Reply B.A. 127.*

FIELD SERVICE.

Army Form B. 2090A.

D23265.

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 } 14TH BATTALION A.I.F. Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company

Regimental No. 3458 Rank Private

Surname PENDER Christian Names JAMES R.

Died { Date 2nd July 1916 Place France

Cause of Death KILLED IN ACTION

Nature and Date of Report Court of Enquiry held on 28/4/17

By whom made Commanding Officer 14th Battalion A.I.F.

\* 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.

Burial { Place Particulars not yet to hand Date \_\_\_\_\_

By whom reported \_\_\_\_\_

State whether he leaves { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 66) Will not received in Small Book (if at Base)

a Will or not { (c) as a separate document \_\_\_\_\_

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal 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 Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the Deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter. If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

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

Date 24/5/17 Officer i/c Records

(452) W5557/M930 500,000 10/16 JFW [E328] Forms/B2030A/2



JML/RC

24th February 1917.

41230

Gentlemen,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 17th inst., concerning the case of No. 3458 Private J. R. Pender, 14th Battalion, who is officially posted as Missing, and have despatched a copy of Private Key's evidence, to A. I. F. Headquarters, London, with a view, if possible, to having this case finalized at an early date. Upon receipt of the reply, next-of-kin will be duly advised.

Yours faithfully,

Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Messrs Harwood & Pincott,  
S o l i c i t o r s,  
51 Yarra Street,  
Geelong, VIC.

RC

11th May 1917.

64443

Dear Sirs,

With reference to the case of No. 3458  
Private J. R. Pender, 14th Battalion, cabled advice has  
now been received from Headquarters, London, advising  
that this soldier who was previously reported missing is  
now reported killed in action 2.7.1916.

Next-of-kin of this soldier has been  
advised accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

Messrs Harwood & Pincott,  
Soldiers,  
51 Yarra Street,  
GEELONG, VIC.

Major,  
Officer i/c Base Records.



1st August, 1917.

M. B. A.  
14th/3458

Dear Madam,

Herewith please find enclosed, Certificate of  
report of Death of the late No. 3458, Private J. R. Pender,  
14th Battalion.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. W. Pender,  
Packington Street,  
QUEENSLAND WEST,  
Vic.

Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

9

REVUE

Jan. 1st 1916

AUSTRIANS 14

PENDER J.R. 3458

M. July 2/16

At Bois Grenier on 2nd July during the night we made an attack which was not successful; we were driven back to our line which we held. Pender was taken to Lt. Julian who was supposed to be wounded in Bo. Men's and during this attack. Pender went out to try and find him and was never heard of again.

Infantry Lt. C. Wilson 3536  
14th Aust. B Co. XVI Bn.  
No. 2 Gen. Hosp. (Palais)  
H.P.G.

*Moving Spawer. 2. 7. 16. ~~10577x~~ C1B L. 176 9m  
ARSL. 442*



P. R.

*J. W.*

No. 3458.

Private James Robert Pender,  
14th Battalion,  
Australian Imperial Force.

##### was killed in action.

(No record available). 2nd July. 16.

**DISPATCHED**

Cable No. C.I.F.I.  
1358. from the Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters, dated London,  
8th May, 1917. confirmed by Mail from the Commandant, A.I.F.  
Headquarters, dated London, 14th May, 1917.

21st July. 17. Major.

D. B.

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

B.R. Form No. 6.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE.  
VICTORIA BARRACKS  
MELBOURNE. 21st July. 1917.

DEAR SIRs.

further

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of 15th May last.

and enclose herewith, as requested, certificate of report of death of the late

No. 3458 Private J. R. Pender, 14th Battalion.

Messrs. Harwood & Pincott,  
Solicitors,  
51 Yarra Street,  
GEE LONG, V.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. LEAN, Major,

*Officer in Charge, Base Records.*

D. 153/3.17.—0.3413.

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, PENDER JAMES ROBERT



BPM. 14/3456

16th February, 1917.

39524

Dear Madam,

In reply to your letter dated 14th instant, concerning your husband, No. 3458 Private J. R. Pender, 14th Battalion who is posted missing since 2/7/16. I regret to state the Department can take no action as regards the issuing of a certificate of death until confirmation has been received from the authorities overseas and as is shown by the cable dated 31st ultimo they are doing their utmost to obtain some definite information in his case.

If the letters you received from the Red Cross Society contain any authentic evidence as to the soldier's fate, you might forward same to this officer for perusal and if warranted further enquiries will be made in that direction.

Your claim for pension came under the heading of "Incapacitated members of the Force" not "Deceased". For financial assistance it is suggested that you communicate with the Honorary Secretary, Lord Mayor's Patriotic Fund, Town Hall, Melbourne.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. M. Pender,  
15 Tackington Street,  
GEMELONG WEST, V.

Majo  
Officer i/c Base records

13  
29.11

15 Lakington St  
Geelong West  
26. 11. 1916

Dear Sir

Norman

I am enclosing  
Chaplin's Cope Letter  
concerning my Husband  
Private J R Pender  
14<sup>th</sup> Battalion



yours  
Finnie Pender

*Mrs Mayan*  
NOV 29 Rec'd

3458 J. Pender  
14<sup>th</sup> Bn  
Missing



J.M./M.S.

COPY.

France 9/7/16.

Mrs. J. Pender,  
GEEBONG.

Dear Mrs. Pender,

You will have learnt ere this of the death of your husband on active service. He was in attendance upon his officer Lieut. Julian, in one of the bravest efforts that any man could be called upon to make, and sad to say, both Lieut. Julian and he have given their all in this sacrifice to the cause of Truth and Righteousness.

May I express my personal sympathy with you in your terrible loss, and trust that you may have comfort and strength given you to help you to bear your sorrow. Your husband was a faithful, sincere, and loyal soldier - "faithful unto death".

In much sympathy,

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) J. L. Cope,  
Chaplain.

41231

24th February 1917.

MEMO FOR  
 The Commandant,  
 A. I. F. Headquarters,  
 130 Horseferry Rd.,  
 Westminster,  
 LONDON, S.W.

Cable No. CIBL. 176  
 dated London 19.7.16 reports No. 3458 Private J. R. Pender,  
 14th Battalion, as missing from action since 2.7.16, and  
 in this respect, the following statement by No. 4236 Pte.  
 J. Key, of the same unit, which appears to be definite and  
 authentic, is forwarded for favour of investigation, with a  
 view, if possible, to finalizing this case :

" Private J. Key, No. 4236, says that Private Pender was  
 " killed in July early, does not remember date, at Bois  
 " Grenser during a night raid. Pender was caught in the  
 " wire entanglements, Lieut. Julien was killed at the same  
 " time and place, and with Pender was left on the wire for  
 " days as they could not release them. Pender was batman  
 " to Lieut. Julien, and very devoted to him, and no doubt  
 " followed his officer into the barbed wire. His mates  
 " referred to him as Twiley Pender. "

I shall be glad if you  
 will advise by cable, if the report of death can be confirmed

a/SECRETARY.



15 Pakington St  
Geelong West  
5. 4. 17

Mr. [unclear]

Dear Sir

It is now nine months  
since my husband Private J R  
Pender 14 Battalion was reported  
missing. But have letters from  
his mates to say he gave his  
life to save his Officer.  
I wish you must know by  
now that must true if my  
husband had died here I would  
have got the Insurance money  
but as he died away I am  
to be treated in this way  
and get nothing people do not  
believe me when I say I have  
not been settled up with but  
I think it is only fair that  
I should let the public know



by inserting it in the paper.  
it seems as though he has  
not been thought of only  
by the Red Cross and they  
have sent me half a dozen  
letters informing me of my  
husband's death and still I  
can get no satisfaction from  
the War Records Office  
hoping to get  
a settlement

I am  
yours truly  
Minnie Pender





L.F.

*File*

53929 12th April, 1917.

53929

Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, and regret no definite information concerning your husband, No. 3458 Private J. P. Pender, 14th Battalion, officially posted as missing, has been received here. A copy of the evidence furnished to the Red Cross Society by Private J. Key was forwarded to Australian Imperial Force Headquarters, London, on 24th February last, with a view to having this case finalized, if possible, at an early date. Upon receipt of the reply you will be promptly advised.

You will realize that this office is entirely dependent for its information on reports from the authorities overseas.

Yours faithfully,

Major,  
Officer i/c Base Records.

*W*

Mrs. M. Pender,  
15 Pakington Street,  
GEFLONG WEST, Vic.

M.B.A.

99544

*Mod.*

No. 3458.

Private James Robert Pender,  
14th Battalion,  
Australian Imperial Force.

xxxxx was Killed in Action,

(No record available)

2nd July, 16.

Cable No. C.I.B.L.  
1358, from the Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters, dated London,  
8th May, 1917, confirmed by Mail from the Commandant, A.I.F.  
Headquarters, dated London, 14th May, 1917.

1st August, 17.

Major.



M. 46/1368

31 JUL 1929

J.H.E.

Dear Madam,

For the information of the Official Historian I should be obliged if you would kindly complete the enclosed Roll of Honor form referring to the demise of your husband, the late No. 3458 Private J.R. PENDER, 14th. Battalion, and return same to this Office at your earliest convenience.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. M.E. Pender  
68 Collins Street,  
GEELONG WEST, VIC.

Captain,  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Enc.



**HARWOOD & PINCOTT,**

FREDERIC RUPERT PINCOTT.  
HENRY PERCIVAL DOUGLASS.  
DAVID FYFE GRIFFITHS.  
EUSTACE EDMUND WILSON, LL.B.

**SOLICITORS & NOTARIES.**

B/v

*Nothing on Cards*

*51. Yarra Street*

*Geelong* 1st. Feb. 1917

The Officer in Charge,  
Base Records Office,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne :

Dear Sir,

Private James Robert Pender Deceased  
No. 3458. 14th. Battalion. A. I. F.

Your letter of 30th. ulto. to hand and we note that the abovenamed is still posted as "Missing" and that no further action can be taken until the case has been decided by the Court of Enquiry. Can you give us any idea as to when such Court will be held, as the Widow of the deceased is in poor circumstances and we wish to collect certain moneys for her as early as possible? We cannot, however, collect such moneys until we obtain the Certificate of his Death from your Department.

*W. M. Shouse*  
BASE RECORDS  
RECEIVED  
7/2

Yours faithfully,

*Harwood & Pincott*



NS  
26.1

**HARWOOD & PINCOTT,**

FREDERIC RUPERT PINCOTT.  
HENRY PERCIVAL DOUGLASS.  
DAVID FYFE GRIFFITHS.  
EUSTACE EDMUND WILSON, LL.B.

SOLICITORS & NOTARIES.

51, Yarra Street.  
Geelong 25th. Jan. 1917

B/v

The Officer in Charge,  
Base Records Office,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne :

Dear Sir,

re Private James Robert Pender, No. 3458,  
14th. Battalion, A.I.F.

We are acting for the widow of the abovenamed deceased, who, as far as she can ascertain, was killed in France in July 1916. Will you please send us a Certificate of his Death as soon as possible, as we wish to obtain payment of certain moneys due to deceased. If convenient, you might please send the Certificate in triplicate.

Yours faithfully,

*Harwood & Pincott*



*QMS Morgan  
26/1*

CORRESPONDENCE SECTION

JAN 28 1917

RECEIVED

*QMS Morgan 30/1*



**HARWOOD & PINCOTT,**

FREDERIC RUPERT PINCOTT.  
HENRY PERCIVAL DOUGLASS.  
DAVID FYFE GRIFFITHS.  
EUSTACE EDMUND WILSON, LL.B.

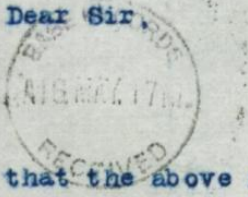
SOLICITORS & NOTARIES.

*51. Yarra Street.  
Geelong 15th May 1917*

B/

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

Dear Sir,



re Private J. R. Pender  
No. 3458, 14th Battalion A.I.F.

Your letter of 11th inst. to hand. We note that the above named has been reported killed in action on the 2nd July last.

We are acting for the widow of deceased, and shall be glad if you will send us Certificate of Death in triplicate so that we may proceed with the collection of certain money to which deceased was entitled. We would ask you as a favor to mark this matter as urgent, as the widow has been waiting a very considerable time for news of the death of her husband. Until we receive the Certificate we cannot, of course, collect any moneys for her.

*QMS Morgan*

Yours faithfully,

*We*  
FORMAL ACKN.  
SENT 17.5.17

*Harwood & Pincott*



Copy.

Information Bureau  
Australian Red Cross Society - Victorian Division

*atc 16/2*

60 Market Street,  
Melbourne,  
23rd January 1917.

Mrs. M. Pender,  
15 Pakington Street,  
Geelong West.

Dear Madam,

re Private J. Pender, No. 3458, 14th Battalion

We now send you the following report which we have received from our Agents in regard to the above named soldier who is officially reported missing July 2nd, 1916.

Private J. Key, No. 4236, says that Private Pender was killed in July early, does not remember date, at Bois Grenier during a night raid. Pender was caught in the wire entanglement, Lieut. Julien was killed at the same time and place, and with Pender was left on the wire for days as they could not release them. Pender was batman to Lieut. Julien, and very devoted to him, and no doubt followed his officer into the barbed wire. His mates referred to him as Twiley Pender.

We would point out that this information is unofficial and we do not vouch for its accuracy.

*Mr Shore*

Yours faithfully,

J. BEACHAM KIDDLE

Hon. Secretary.



*19/2*  
*19/2*  
*Sheel at*  
*20/2/17*



**HARWOOD & PINCOTT,**FREDERIC RUPERT PINCOTT.  
HENRY PERCIVAL DOUGLASS.  
DAVID FYFE GRIFFITHS.  
EUSTACE EDMUND WILSON, LL.B.

SOLICITORS &amp; NOTARIES.

*51, Yarra Street,  
Geelong 17th Feby. 1917*

B/W

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

Dear Sir,

re Private J. R. Pender, No. 3458.  
14th Battalion A.I.F.

In further reference to this matter, we enclose copy of a letter received by Mrs. Pender from the Hon Secretary of the Victorian Division of the Australian Red Cross Society which may possibly help in deciding Private Pender's fate. We have seen the late Lieut. Julien's relatives, who informed us that they obtained a Certificate of his death and proved his Will some time ago. We saw Mrs. Pender this morning, and she cannot understand the delay in getting the necessary Certificate of Death, particularly as Lieut. Julien is supposed to have been killed at the same time as her husband. Of course, we understand that at times there is great difficulty in getting evidence of death on the battlefield, and we feel sure that your Department will ascertain as speedily as possible what has happened to our client's husband.

Yours faithfully,

*Harwood & Pincott*RECEIVED  
SECTION.

FEB 20 1917

RECEIVED.

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, PENDER JAMES ROBERT



15 Pakington St Teelong West  
14.2.17

Dear Sir

In Answer to your letter concerning my Husband  
Private Pender 14<sup>th</sup> Battalion reported missing 2 July I have  
letters to say from Red Cross to say he has been killed  
I think after seven months surely I can get a definite answer  
Mr Pender has made a will with his lawyers Mr Harwood  
in Pencott of Teelong and If I can get Proof of the death  
I can get the money as I think it is only fair  
as it is impossible to live on the pension 3/6 a week  
pay rent and keep four I think I am entitled  
to get something from the patriotic for the  
children or go to work myself But I dont think  
it would be fair after giving my Husband and  
father of my little children to fight for King and  
country if the death cannot be proved then  
why was I put on the Widows pension I am  
entitled to be put on the Military pay again  
hoping to get a  
definite answer  
as soon as possible

CORRESPONDENCE  
SECTION.  
FEB 16 1917  
RECEIVED.

1916 RECORDS  
15 FEB 1917  
RECEIVED

FEB 17 Rec'd

I am yours Sincerely  
Minnie Pender



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Base Records Office,

Melbourne, 2nd July, 1921.

Mrs. M. Pender,

Pakington Street,

GEELONG WEST, VIC.

Dear Madam,

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

your husband the late No. 3458

Private J. R. Pender, 14th Battalion,

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

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

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

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

*J. Inlean*

MAJOR,

Officer in Charge Base Records.

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

(KINDLY SUBMIT YOUR REPLY HEREUNDER.)

(Place) .....

(Date) .....



Form Z. 3.

Statement No. 164 165

Date 7th October 1916

(This statement contains 26 2/4 sheets.)

Statement of WAR PENSION CLAIMS (MILITARY) which have been determined.

State of Victoria

1. Full name of Member of Forces in respect of whose death or incapacity pension was claimed	Pender, James Robert
2. Member's number, rank, and unit	3458 Pte 14th Battn
3. Full name and address of person for whom pension was claimed	Mary M. Pender, West Geelong
4. Relationship of such person to Member of Forces	Daughter
5. Result of Claim	Granted 15/- per fortnight as from 25/11/16
6. Name and address of Trustee (if any)	Minnie E. Pender, West Geelong

1. Full name of Member of Forces in respect of whose death or incapacity pension was claimed	Pender, James Robert
2. Member's number, rank, and unit	3458 Pte 14th Battn
3. Full name and address of person for whom pension was claimed	Minnie Ethel Pender, Geelong West
4. Relationship of such person to Member of Forces	Widow
5. Result of Claim	Granted 22 per fortnight as from 25/11/16
6. Name and address of Trustee (if any)	

1. Full name of Member of Forces in respect of whose death or incapacity pension was claimed	Pender, James Robert
2. Member's number, rank, and unit	3458 Pte 14th Battn
3. Full name and address of person for whom pension was claimed	James M. Pender, Geelong West
4. Relationship of such person to Member of Forces	Son
5. Result of Claim	Granted £1 per fortnight as from 25/11/16
6. Name and address of Trustee (if any)	Minnie E. Pender, West Geelong.

D.5927.35.—C.9766.

Deputy Commissioner of Pensions at MELBOURNE



HM/VD.

LSP

12221

9th November 1916.

Dear Madam,

In reply to your communication (undated), concerning your husband, No.3458 Private J.Pender, 14th Battalion, I have to state that the only advice received here respecting him is to the effect that he was missing 2/7/16, but if you will forward to this office the letter you received from Chaplain Cope stating that he was killed in action, upon receipt of same, if such action be warranted, investigations will be made and the result communicated to you.

I would add that the Certificate of Death cannot be issued until official confirmation of same has been received at this office.

Yours faithfully,

Major.  
Officer i/o Base Records.

Mrs.M.E.Pender,  
15 Packington Street,  
GEELONG WEST, VIC.



Transferred to

DC

D 27339

W

# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No.

3458 ✓

Rank

Pl ✓

Name

Pender J. R. ✓

Unit

14<sup>th</sup> Batt ✓

Casualty

2/7/16 Rep<sup>d</sup> Missing 6182 176/6575B D<sup>ad</sup> London 14/7/16 AS

No satisfactory evidence can be obtained regarding 3458 Pender J. R. "still missing". C.I.D. 2 1013/8193 D<sup>ad</sup> Lond 31/1/17 B. G. 170. Val.

300 { From a... reported missing  
news reported killed in action

2.7.16 1914/15 Star 1358 U... 8877 B dated London 8.5.17

"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST."  
Pamphlet sent to Mrs M. Pender on 29/1/21

DATE.	A.F. B. 103 Received	PURPORT.	A.F. B. 2090A Received.	REF. NO.
24.7.16	M.C. 3	Advised Reported Missing 2/7/16		111127
1-8-16				
5.1.17		Stralis cabled - Expedite reply 11/12/17		
6.2.17		No 16 informed of result of cable		
11/5/17	M.C. 3	ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION. 2/7/16 for missing		
11.5.17		name Harwood + Pinnett informed R. in C.I.D.		
15.5.17		Harwood + Pinnett asking for D Certs (3)		17/5
23.5.17		A.A.C. Pensions advised re casualty vide Statement 10/19		
		CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF Cable No. L. 4. B. L. 1358 U... 6/2/16 88 14/5/17		
20.11.17		Court of inquiry proceedings received - B. R. M. 22/1443 "Dead"		
		NO PERSONAL EFFECTS IN KIT - B.R.M. No. 17898		
		Circular B.R.M. 487888 & Booklet re Graves despatched 12/12/19		

20/7/20  
9/9/21  
VICTORY INDEX

1914/1916 Star issued B.R.M. 43/1229/14/AC RD  
3rd  
To Comd... B.R.M. 543  
BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comd... 3rd... M.D.B.R.M. 53/1211 1231 ✓



LIST.



MEMORIAL  
SCRILL  
To  
Widow  
Mrs M. Pender  
323275  
22-9-21 for

MEMORIAL  
PLAQUE  
To  
Widow (Direct)  
Mrs M. Pender  
323275  
15/8/22  
© 10/10/22

VICTORY MEDAL to Widow B. R. P. F. 42. 25 JAN 1923  
Registered Post No. 6281 G. P. O. Melbourne.

11/12/35 REGISTER OPEN FORM Melbourne  
FB VBM