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1st Battr. 1st Inf. Brigade

1st Bn. Infy

C.M. Form A 22  
(Revised 15.12.14)  
**REFERENCE**  
182  
**BASE RECORDS**



MILITARY FORCES OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Application for a Commission in the *1st Battr. Australian Imperial Force*

No.	Particulars.	
1.	Surname ... } Other names (in full) }	SWANNELL BLAIR INSKIP <i>C.F.E.</i>
2.	Educational Qualifications <small>(Certificate to be attached for notation at District Head-quarters.)</small>	"First Class Extra Certificate" Thames Nautical Training College, H.M.S. Worcester. Certificate of Competency as Second Mate (Eng) Mercantile Marine.
3.	Military Qualifications (previous Military Service, if any, to be stated) <small>(Attention is directed to third sub-para. of C.M. Regulation 66.) If serving, present rank and corps to be stated.</small>	SOUTH AFRICAN CAMPAIGN, Lieut (H.M. Land Forces) Captain S.C. (Passed for Major) Area Officer T.A. 33B. Newtown-Darlington
4.	Present Civil Employment	NIL.
5.	Date of Birth and Age	Date of Birth: 20th AUGUST 1875 Age: 40 Years Months
6.	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
7.	Married or Single	SINGLE
8.	Postal Address	AREA OFFICE 33B. 10 RAGLAN STREET. DARLINGTON. SYDNEY. N.S.W.
9.	Next of Kin	<i>Killed Honour (Castilian) Turner</i> Mrs Swannell (mother) NORTHAMPTON (England)

Date 1st SEPTEMBER 1914.

(Signature of Applicant) *Blair Swannell*

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 Board, in accordance with the "Instructions for the Physical Examination of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Military Forces of the Commonwealth," 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, *Walterworth Simpson* do hereby certify to the correctness of the following particulars respecting the above-named applicant. I further certify that the applicant is not ruptured, and is capable of bearing the fatigue incident to the performance of military duty.

Height 5 feet, 9 1/2 inches. Weight 12 stone, 2 lbs.  
Chest Measurement 39 1/2 inches. Eyesight GOOD.

(Signature of the Examining Medical Officer) *Walterworth Simpson*  
*Capt. Comm.*

**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 CAPTAIN in the Corps under my command, and I certify—

- ~~(a) That such appointment will be within the authorized establishment and provision on the Estimates for the current year, or~~
- ~~(b) That such appointment, although not within the authorized establishment and provision on the Estimates for the current year, will be within the number of supernumerary officers permitted under C.M. Regulation 56.~~
- 2. †(a) That the provisions of C.M.R. 69 have been fully complied with, or
- †(b) That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 33 have been fully complied with, or
- †(c) That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 139 have been fully complied with.

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

Date 1st Sept 1914

Commanding C. O. 1st Battr. 1st Inf. Bde. Aust. Imp. Force.  
*W. Hallack* Lt. Col.  
Regt. or Corps.

**RECOMMENDATION OF DISTRICT COMMANDANT.**

Recommended, candidate considered suitable  
Date 19/9/14  
*W. Hallack* Colonel  
Commanding C.M. Forces... 2nd Military District.

\* Sub-para. (a) to be struck out if (b) applies, and vice versa. † 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 to be stated when two or more applications are forwarded on the same date.

C.4001.

Casualty Form-Active Service.

Regimental No. \_\_\_\_\_ Regiment or Corps 1st Battalion

Rank Major Name Swannell B. I.

Enlisted (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Terms of Service (a) four years Service reckons from (a) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of promotion to present rank \_\_\_\_\_ Date of appointment to lance rank \_\_\_\_\_ Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os. \_\_\_\_\_

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

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 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				
2.5.15	CO	Killed in action	Gallipoli	28.4.15	W361146 B.257

(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., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.



Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regimental No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Regiment or Corps *1st Battalion 99*  
 Rank *Major* Name *Swanell B. J.*  
 Enlisted (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Terms of Service *14 Months* Service reckons from (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of promotion to present rank \_\_\_\_\_ Date of appointment \_\_\_\_\_ Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Extended \_\_\_\_\_ Re-engaged \_\_\_\_\_ Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 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				
<i>2 J. 18</i>	<i>W. J. H. Killed in Action</i>	<i>Gallipoli</i>	<i>28.4.18</i>	<i>18713</i>	<i>OBP-07</i> <i>MRC. 1146</i>
					<i>Cybil. J. Siffert's Major.</i>

(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., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.



*D. Coy*

Army Form **114**

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regiment or Corps *1st Battalion*

Regimental No. \_\_\_\_\_ Rank *Major* Name *Swannell Blair J.*

Enlisted (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Terms of Service (b) *War 1914-18* twice reckons from (a) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of promotion to present rank \_\_\_\_\_ Date of appointment to lance rank \_\_\_\_\_ Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os. \_\_\_\_\_

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

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 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				
<del>1914</del> <del>1915</del> <del>1916</del>	<i>M.F.A</i>		<i>Killed in action Gallipoli</i>	<i>28/4/18</i>	<i>M.P.C. 1146 061257 B&gt;17</i>

(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., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Receipt for Consignment from Defence Department.

I hereby acknowledge having received from the Officer in Charge of Base Records the undermentioned ( 1 ) Package , being the effects of the late Major R.I. Swannell, 1st Battalion, consigned to me.

No.	Description,
1	COMPASS FORM



Signature: *C. A. Swannell*  
Date: *6 May 2 1919*

NOTE.—This Receipt should be Posted to—  
The Officer in Charge,  
Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne, Victoria.

D.1072/817—01013—504  
National Archives of Australia

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Inventory of Personal Effects of the late Major P. I. Swannell,  
1st Battalion. A.I.F.

Contents :-

1 Identity Disc.

Found at Gallipoli at Baby 700, by Captain Bigwith, N. Z.E.F. and  
handed by him to Australian Headquarters, Egypt.

Checked by :-

*Williams*  
.....  
*J. Williams*  
.....

Base Records, Melbourne.

DC.

L. P. M.  
2nd Military District.

77011

*JND*  
10th January 1919.

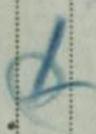
I would be obliged if you will furnish me with a certificate as to the Executor also the legatee of the personal estate named in Probate of the Will of the late Major. B.I. Swannell, 1st Battalion.

Captain.  
for Officer i/c Base Records.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

**Receipt for Consignment from Defence Department.**

I hereby acknowledge having received from the Officer in Charge of Base Records the undermentioned ( 1 ) Package, being ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ <sup>Identity Disc</sup> of the late Major P.I. Swannell, 1st Bn consigned to me.

No.	Description,	Signature
1	Identity Disc, 	
		Date 19 Jun 47

NOTE.—This Receipt should be Posted to—

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

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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

L.M.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
VICTORIA BARRACKS.

MELBOURNE. 16th January, 1920

Dear Sirs,

Forwarded this day, per separate ~~parcel~~ registered post, is one package containing ~~personal effects~~ of the late Major R. I. Swannell, 1st Battalion.

as per inventory attached. ALL GOODS DESPATCHED FROM THIS OFFICE ARE SECURELY FASTENED AND SEALED. BEFORE OPENING, KINDLY INSURE THAT SEALS ARE INTACT AND PACKAGE HAS NOT BEEN TAMPERED WITH. Any discrepancies to be immediately brought to notice, accompanied by the packer's note enclosed in the ~~parcel~~.

I shall be much obliged if you will kindly let me know whether ~~same~~ (Enclosure.) come safely to hand, by signing and returning the enclosed printed receipt slip.

Yours faithfully,

*J. J. J. J.* Major,

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

Don't fail to send change of your address to Base Records, Melbourne.

D.1378/G.39.—C.8517.

Messrs L.W.S. Seaborn, & A.E. Abbott,  
(Executors Will late Major  
B.I. Swannell,)  
C/- Messrs Garland, Seaborn, &  
Abbott,  
Solicitors,  
14 Moore Street,  
SYDNEY,  
N.S.W.

WHEN PROBATE OR WILL OR CERTIFICATE -from a Paymaster relating to  
finalization of account is receive d, please bring file forward to  
proper quarter so that Form of Commission held may be disposed of.

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BASE RECORDS OFFICE,

VICTORIA BARRACKS,

Melbourne, 10th February, 1919.

DMH

DEAR Madam,

It is my painful duty to transmit herewith one form of **Commission** which has been issued by the British War Office covering the appointment of **your son, the late Major B.I. Swannell, 1st Battalion,**

as a temporary **Captain** in the Regular Forces of the British Army. **This refers to his first appointment to Commission, and not to his later rank.**

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

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. Swannell,  
Custilian Terrace,  
NORTHAMPTON,  
England.

C.12223.

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Major,

Officer i/c Base Records.

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DESPATCHED

Kellett House,  
1, Castilian Terrace,  
Northampton.

May 2 - 1919

To Major Deane

Sir

I thank you in my dear  
Lion's name for form  
of count<sup>2</sup> & enclose receipts  
for same only regretting  
he never saw it

Yr's truly

W<sup>m</sup> Swannell

DECEASED  
SECTION  
JUN 20 1919  
RECEIVED

Reported on presumed list for Baby 700 Cem.  
Believed to be buried in :-

BABY 700 CEMETERY, ANZAC, GALLIPOLI.

Actual grave unknown.

M.56/176.

6/7/23. EW.

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MILITARY FORCES.

Issued with M.O. <sup>337</sup> 1915. **75**

No. D.D. ....

# DAILY RUNNING RECORD.

Mileage Reading on Leaving Garage.	Mileage Reading at End of Day.	Net Mileage for Day.	Petrol Drawn this Day.	Lubricants Received this Day.	Spares used (if any).	New Tyres or Tubes Received.	Carbide Drawn.
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## INFORMATION AS TO LOCATION OF GRAVES.

Place of graves. (a) No.2.OUTPOST CEMETERY, KOJA DERE, ANZAC,  
About 1½ miles N.N.E. of ANZAC COVE.  
(b) BABY 700 CEMETERY, ANZAC, GALLIPOLI,  
About 1 mile N.E. of ANZAC COVE.

Reported by. GRAVES REGISTRATION UNITS.

BELIEVED TO BE BURIED IN THESE CEMETERIES  
ACTUAL GRAVES UNKNOWN.

Regiment	No.	Name	Rank & initials	Date of Death.
19/A.I.F.	1352	KING.	Pte. R. H.	4/9/15.
	(a)	(Report Anzac A.22.4)		
1/A.I.F.	×	✓ SWANNELL	Maj. B.I..	25/4/15.
	(b)	(Report Gallipoli A.51.4.)		
2/A.I.F.	1633.	SCHMITT.	Pte. J.	2/5/15.
	(b)	(Report Gallipoli A.51.4.)		

Original in file of No. 1352 Pte.R.King, 19th.Btn.

*Red. b to 5/5/1915.  
indicates position of  
Headstone found. \*  
- 13" high.*

*5/11/21*

*HR*

*N/K Mother*

*Mrs Swannell*

*Kellett House*

*1 Castilian Terrace*

*Southampton*

*England.*



MS.

36569

12th January,

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Memorandum to -

Deputy Commissioner of Taxation,  
Warwick Building,  
Hamilton Street,  
SYDNEY. N.S.W.

With reference to your Memo E.20262,  
dated 30th December 1915, the officer referred to  
is the late Major Blair Inskip Swannell, 1st  
Battalion, 1st Australian Division, who was reported  
killed in action at Gallipoli on the 25th April, 1915.  
The cabled advice has since been confirmed, The next-of-  
kin is given as:

Mrs. Swannell, (Mother)  
Australian Terrace,  
Northampton, ENGLAND.

Captain.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

TELEPHONE Nos. CITY 9618  
9614

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA



PLEASE QUOTE THIS NUMBER

E 20262

IN YOUR REPLY.

DEPUTY FEDERAL COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION,  
WARWICK BUILDING,  
HAMILTON STREET, SYDNEY,

30th December, 1915. 191

Memorandum to -

Head Quarters,  
2nd Military District,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Paddington.

Estate late Blair Inskip Swannell.

In connection with information furnished to this office for purposes of the Estate Duty Assessment Act 1914 it is claimed that the above deceased died whilst on Active Service, and I would ask you to confirm such information, also to advise me of the date and place of death of the deceased, who it is understood was a Major, 1st Battalion, Australian Imperial Forces.

*M.R.*

M.R.

*A. A. G.*

Deputy Commissioner.

*[Signature]*



A. A. G.

Formal Acknowledgment  
Sent 4.1.16

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# FIELD SERVICE.

REPORT of Death of an Officer 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.

Unit 1st BATTALION A.I.F.

Rank Major.

Name Swannell B.I.

By whom reported C.O. 1st Battalion.

Died {

Date of death <sup>25</sup>26/4/15.

Place or Hospital Gallipoli Peninsula.

Cause of Death Killed in action.

Place of Burial \_\_\_\_\_

State whether he leaves a will or not Effects not to hand.

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital 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 Officer of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

Signature of Officer in charge of Section  
Adjutant-General's Office at the Base. Cyril S. Griffiths Major.

Station and date Alexandria. 16/10/15.

\* 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.

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS OF THE LATE MAJOR B.J. SWANNELL. 1ST BATT.

Number and description of packages:-

1 Valise locked.

DATE DESPATCHED 13/8/15

GARLAND, SEABORN & ABBOTT,  
SOLICITORS.

Telephone City 1576.

*Bull's Chambers,*  
*14 Moore Street,*

*D182*

~~J. R. GARLAND~~  
COMMISSIONER FOR AFFIDAVITS  
N.S.W. & QUEENSLAND.  
LESLIE W. S. SEABORN.  
ARTHUR E. ABBOTT.

*Sydney,* 16th July, 1915.

The Officer in Charge,  
Base Records,  
Australian Imperial Forces,  
Base Records Office,  
Victoria Barracks,  
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

re Major B.I. Swannell (6157)

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter dated the 12th instant enclosing Certificate of Death of the late Major B.I. Swannell 1st Battalion, 1st Australian Division.

Yours faithfully,

*Garland Seaborn Abbott*



L.C.S.

12th July, 1915.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your request of the 6th inst., and in continuation of my letter of the 16th May, 1915, please find enclosed a certificate of death of the late Major Blair Inskip Swannell, 1st Battalion, 1st Australian Division.

Yours faithfully,

Capt.

Officer i/c Base Records.

Messrs. Garland, Seaborn & Abbott,  
Solicitors,  
Bull's Chambers  
14 Moore Street,  
Sydney, N.S.W.

ENCLOSURE.

J.K.

Major.  
Blair Inskip Swannell, 1st Battalion,  
1st Australian Division.

XXXXX was killed in action at the Dardanelles.

(No record available) between 25th & 28th April 15.

Cable No.M.F.C. 1145  
from the Officer Commanding, Intermediate Base, dated  
Alexandria 3rd May 1915 and confirmed by Army Form  
B 104-52.

12th July 15.

Captain.



GARLAND, SEABORN & ABBOTT,  
SOLICITORS.

Telephone City 1576.

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GRB 7/7/15* Bull's Chambers,  
14 Moore Street,

By Mr. GARLAND,  
COMMISSIONER FOR AFFIDAVITS  
N.S.W. & QUEENSLAND.  
LESLIE W. S. SEABORN.  
ARTHUR E. ABBOTT.

Sydney, 6th July, 1915.

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

Dear Sir,

re Major B.I. Swannell.

We have for some time past been awaiting very anxiously for Certificate of Death of the above deceased and the non receipt of same is completely tying our hands in dealing with the affairs &c. causing actual loss; would you be good enough to let us have the proof of death, required in such cases, by return.

We refer you to your letter of the 16th May last (24058) referring to the issuing of Certificate upon receipt of Official confirmation from the front.

Thanking you in anticipation of an early reply.

Yours faithfully,

*Garland Seaborn Abbott*

*cava*



GARLAND, SEABORN & ABBOTT, Telephone City 1576.  
SOLICITORS.

By GARLAND  
COMMISSIONER FOR AFFIDAVITS  
N.S.W. & QUEENSLAND.  
LESLIE W. S. SEABORN.  
ARTHUR E. ABBOTT.

*private* *D182* *AKB* *17/15* Bull's Chambers,  
14 Moore Street,

Sydney, 29th June, 1915.

Captain J.M. Lean,  
Officer in Charge Base Records,  
Base Records Office,  
Victoria Barracks,  
MELBOURNE.

Dear Captain Lean,

re late Major Swannell.

I am very much obliged for your kindness in writing to me (11th June 1915) suggesting that I should send a week end cable with regard to the relics Major Swannell collected for me, but under the circumstances, mentioned by you I do not think I will hamper the authorities by cabling to them as to those relics alone, but will rely on getting them from Mrs. Swannell (the Major's Mother) later on.

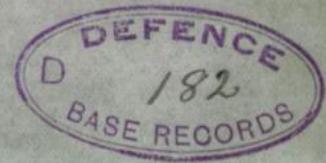
I am writing a Firm letter to you asking that the Certificate of death may be sent us as this omission is causing us serious difficulty in obtaining Probate and carrying on the affairs. We know of other cases where the necessary Certificate of Death has been issued sometime since.

Agein thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

*Leslie Seaborn*

*caro*



DR 2226

11th June, 1915.

Dear Mr. Seaborn,

I have held over the answer to yours of the 22nd ult., pending the decision to a suggestion which has been put forward by the authorities in Egypt. Approval has now been given by the Minister for all personal effects of deceased members of the Force to be transmitted direct to next-of-kin, through the agency of Messrs. Thomas Cook & Sons. In the case of the late Major Swannell, it seems to me as if his effects will thus be sent to his Mother, Austrilian Terrace, Northampton, England. In the circumstances, therefore, I think it would be wise, so that the relics he had collected for you should not unnecessarily be sent to England, for you to send a week-end cable addressed to "Stralis", Cairo, asking him to transmit those articles mentioned in Major Swannell's letter direct to your address.

Yours sincerely,

Capt.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

L. Seaborn Esq.,  
Solicitor,  
Hull's Chambers, Moore St.,  
Sydney.

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GARLAND, SEABORN & ABBOTT, Telephone City 1576.  
SOLICITORS.

Bull's Chambers,  
14 Moore Street,

J. R. GARLAND,  
COMMISSIONER FOR AFFIDAVITS  
N.S.W. & QUEENSLAND.  
LESLIE W. S. SEABORN,  
ARTHUR E. ABBOTT.

Sydney, 25th May, 1915.

The Officer in Charge,  
Base Records Office,  
Australian Imperial Forces,  
Victorian Barracks,  
MELBOURNE.

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Dear Sir,

re late Major B.I. Swannell.

As I sent you a copy of the letter I received from Major Swannell dated 9th April informing you it was the last letter I had received from him I beg to state that I have since received another letter dated 12th April and now send you a copy of same showing how matters stood at the time of his writing.

Yours faithfully,

*Leslie Seaborn*

*Garland Seaborn & Abbott*

Enclo.

*M Waddingh  
B7 File*



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16th May,

5.

Messrs. Garland Seaborn & Abbott,  
Solicitors,  
Bull's Chambers,  
14 Moore St., Sydney.

Dear Sirs,

Re Major B.L. Swannell.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 10th instant in reference to the above, and in reply to state that I have noted the fact that you hold a Power of Attorney and are also the executors of the Will of the late Major Swannell.

This Department, however, issues no certificates prior to the receipt of official confirmation from the Front. It would be as well for you at the same time to advise the Military Paymaster, Victoria Barracks, Paddington, that you are acting on behalf of the deceased Officer. I presume you will furnish me with a certified copy of the Power of Attorney held by you, as an authority for me to transmit to you the personal effects when received.

Yours faithfully,

*JMB*

Capt.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

*AS*

*5/1/13*

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SOLICITORS.

LESLIE W. S. SEABORN.  
ARTHUR E. ABBOTT.

Bull's Chambers,

14 Moore Street,

DEFENCE  
A. I. F.

112 4 882

Sydney, 10th May, 1915.

The Officer in Charge,  
Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks,  
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

re Major B. I. Swannell.

We have been referred from Headquarters, Victoria Barracks to you in connection with the above Gentleman, who we understand was killed in action at the Dardanelles.

Prior to his leaving, Major Swannell intended to have the fact that our Mr. Seaborn was his Attorney recorded on the sheets of the Department. We are not sure if this was done, we understand there was something to that effect on the Sydney pay sheets. Certain of his pay was allotted to be paid into the City Bank of Sydney into an account upon which our Mr. Seaborn or Mr. Abbott operates, we having charge of his affairs.

As it will be necessary in view of the circumstances surrounding his affairs to settle the matter of the pay due and accruing due to him in order to carry them on under the terms of his Will we presume we should approach the District Paymaster here as to that, no doubt this will necessarily take time.

With regard to whatever money <sup>or other</sup> property Major Swannell had with him in Egypt this will be of course legally subject to the terms of his Will and with regard to this and anything in connection with our friend we wish to put the matter at once on the proper footing

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DEPT. GEN.  
 DEFENCE  
 187  
 BASE RECORDS  
 10/5/15

JOSH ROA

Officer in Charge, Victoria Barracks, Mlb.

DEFENCE  
 11/4/1882  
 A.I.F.  
 10/5/15

with you and notify you, to be recorded and acted upon, that we hold Major B. I. Swannell's Power of Attorney which is in favor of our Mr. Seaborn and our Mr. Abbott and that we are also the Executors of the Will which we also hold. As Executors therefore, everything, (including his money and effects) belonging to the above Gentleman <sup>whenever situated</sup> should be placed in our hands, and all matters concerning his affairs referred to us.

We will be much obliged if you will kindly write us as soon as possible informing us if we should notify any other Officer of the Military Department as to proof of his death (which we will require) being forwarded to us, and we would also be obliged if you will let us have particulars of the entries on the base records with you with respect to Major Swannell, and for any other particulars or information which in your kindness you may think would help us in our desire to carry out his <sup>last</sup> ~~best~~ wishes expressed in his Will.

Major Swannell was with the 1st Battalion, 1st Infantry Brigade A.I.F., he informed the writer by letter, received a few days ago, that his appointment as Major dated back from 1st January, 1915.

Yours faithfully,

*Garland Seaborn & Abbott*



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Bull's Chambers,  
14 Moore Street,

Sydney, 22 May 1915

privately, but I write to show you how  
water, I should be happy to have the  
you very much of the  
Seaborn

*private*  
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The open exchange.

Dear Sir, The late Major Swannell was a  
very close friend of mine & in fact I regarded  
him as his greatest friend here.  
I am sending you a copy of his last  
letter to me which I received since I heard of  
his death & the whole thing is very sad but  
I expect you know of many such cases.  
The Kaplan Street Terrace he refers to  
is some cottages over which is a large mortgage  
which has to be paid off from time to time &  
concerning which financially I am very  
worried about & naturally wish to get  
his affairs fixed up as soon as possible.  
The Napoleonic relics referred to  
I am very anxious shall be preserved as  
apart from being a collector of such  
things I attach a sentimental value to  
the last gift of my friend.  
Forgive me for writing to you

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*Sydney,* 21st May, 1915.

The Officer in Charge,  
Base Records Office,  
Australian Imperial Forces,  
Victoria Barracks,  
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

re Major B.I. Swannell.

We are very much obliged for your letter of the 16th May and note contents. We wish particularly to know of the effects belonging to the late Major Swannell which at present are at the front (probably with the Adjutant General's Office at the base). The reason we are so particular on this point is that we notice in one of the daily papers information to the effect that unless a Will is traceable, the effects are sent to the person named as next of kin. We do not think that our names were originally on the record sheets; notwithstanding that fact, if it be so, we wish all matters referred to us, that we may see that the dispositions of the Will are carried out.

We presume that before anything is done with regard to any possessions of Major Swannell's at the front, same will be referred to you, and we assume you have some method of cabling in these matters.

We thank you for your suggestion to write to the Military Paymaster and beg to inform you that our Mr. Seaborn has already had an interview with that gentleman, who knows that we have been looking after the late Major's affairs.

MILITARY FORCES OF THE COMMONWEALTH

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TELEPHONE—  
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2ND MILITARY DISTRICT

Please quote this Number when replying.

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Victoria Barracks, Sydney.  
District Pay Office.  
22nd January, 1919.

(Date)

DECEASED SOLDIERS' SECTION.

4885

The Officer in Charge,  
Base Records Office,  
MELBOURNE.

Re Major B. I. SWANNELL, 1st Battalion. (Dec'd)



In reply to your communication No. 77011 of the 10th, relative to the Estate of the abovenamed deceased Officer, I have to inform you that the late Officer left as his Executors - L. W. S. Seaborn and A. E. Abbott - of the firm of Garland, Seaborn & Abbott, Solicitors, 14 Moore Street, Sydney.

*Wm... 24/1*

*Refman W*

For District Paymaster,  
2nd Military District.

*24/1*

1st BATTALION A.I.F.

Major.

Swannell B.I.

C.O. 1st Battalion.

26/4/15.

Gallipoli Peninsula.

Killed in action.

Effects not to hand.

Major.

Alexandria. 16/10/15.

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS OF THE LATE MAJOR B. J. SWANWELL, 1ST BATT.

Number and description of packages:-

1 Valise locked.

DATE DESPATCHED 15/8/16 *To Defence per 2 Cooks & others*

**FIELD SERVICE.**

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B, 213 or Army Form A, 36 or from other official documentary sources

REGIMENT } **1st. BATTALION.** Squadron, }  
 or } **FIRST INFANTRY BRIGADE.** Troop, Battery. }  
 CORPS } or Company }

Regtl. No.            Rank **MAJOR.**

Name **SWANNELL, B. I.**

Died { Date **25.4.15.**  
 { Place **Dardanelles.**  
 { Cause of Death \* **Killed in Action.**

\* Specially state killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation, or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

State whether he leaves a will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 46)  
 { (b) in Small Book (if at Base)  
 { (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 expression by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Paymaster at the Base (see Field service Regulations, Part II.), together with the deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the war Office with this Report.

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

Station and Date **CAIRO, 31.7.15.**

**LIEUT.**  
**COMMANDING 151 SECTION**  
**A. I. F. Intermediate Base**







AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

RECORD OF OFFICERS' SERVICES.

Rank and Name Captain B. I. SWANNEL

Staff or Unit 1st Battalion Infantry

Date of appointment and Gazette 3rd September 1914 No. 71/1914.

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

Left Australia in Transport A 19 Africa on 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 1914.

Record subsequent to embarkation:—

Promoted - Major 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 1915 32/15

Killed in action at the Dardanelles April 25/28th 1915.

A. I. F. 112/4/360.

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

Gazetted from A.I.F. \_\_\_\_\_

C.12399.



9/4/1915.

Dear Les,

As all letters are censorable and instructions as to what may not be mentioned are quite definite I can give you no news except that I am fit and well, and though hereafter I can write but little I shall be awfully pleased to hear all news from you or any of my friends who care to write.

Did you locate whether that 10/- per diem was being paid into the City Bank in my name, I expect, though, that that is alright.

How is the Raglan Street Terrace?

I wrote several times to Parsons but have only had one letter from him, the slacker.

Remember me to Snowy-Baker.

Oh by the way I have grabbed another Napoleonic relic for you and hope to get it to you one of these days. Send me an electric Torch.

Best luck old chap.

Yours sincerely,

Blair I Swannell.

Dear Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the Power of Attorney for the estate of the late Mrs. J. M. Blair. I am sorry to hear of your loss and hope that the necessary arrangements have been made. I will be pleased to produce the same to any Military Officer you may name here for perusal and record purpose or send you copy when so requested; we will be pleased to do anything, if possible, that you may suggest.

Yours faithfully,  
*Gauland Seaborn Abbott*

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DEFENCE  
D 183.  
BASE RECORDS

Major B. I. Swannell  
1<sup>st</sup> Battalion

New cover made  
27/10/15  
fr

Killed in action at the  
Dardanelles.

April 25/28<sup>th</sup> 1915

A. I. J. W 2/4/360 J.F.C. 11/5/6 Dated 4/5/15

4/5/15 W 15817 M.C. (D) advised vide No 322  
22/5/15 L. Seaborn. Enclosing a letter from the above in regard to a Napoleonic relic, <sup>+ enquiry re personal effects</sup> which he states was left to him by the late Major Swannell, he is anxious to obtain same, also asking for particulars of his effects which are at present at the front

- 4/5/15 W 21970 Sec. G.G. advised vide No 455
- 11/6/15 BR(2226) reply sent
- 12/6/15 Copy made for War Pensions
- 10/5/15 Garland Seaborn + Abbott asking for certificate of death, and advising that they hold Power of Attorney.
- 16/5/15 Reply sent.
- 25/5/15 Garland Seaborn + Abbott informing that they have received a further letter from Major Swannell
- 11/6/15 reply sent.
- 29/6/15 L. Seaborn asking for certificate of death to be sent.
- 6/7/15. Garland Seaborn + Abbott, asking for proof of death
- 3/5/15 3<sup>rd</sup> Ech fwd'd Confirmation of M.C. 1145/6 Vide No. 92
- 12/7/15 Reply sent letter 6/7/15 enclosing certificate of death
- List 5. 16/7/15. Garland Seaborn + Abbott Ackd receipt of letter of 12/7/15

Transferred to

W

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

D 182.

No.

Rank

Major Swannell, B.I.

Unit

1st Battalion

Casualty

Killed in action at The Gardens

April 25/28. 195.

R.F. 112/4/360. T.F. 1145/6. Dated 3/5/15.

25.4.15

Killed in action at Gallipoli Peninsula A.F. B. 2090A Received

"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST." Pamphlet sent to Mr. Swannell on B.R. No. 52/121907

DATE.	A.F. B. 103 Received	PURPORT.	REF. No.
4. 5. 15.	W/5817. Mob. (2) advised vide No 322.		
22. 5. 15.	L Seaborn Euclio? a letter from the above in regard to a relic & inquiry re personal effects.		
4. 5. 15.	W/21970. Letty G.G. adv'd vide No 455.		
11. 6. 15.	B.R. (2226) reply sent.		
12. 6. 15.	Copy made for war pension		
10. 5. 15.	Garland Seaborn Abbott. asking for certificates and advising that they hold power of attorney.		
16. 5. 15.	Reply sent.		
25. 5. 15.	Garland Seaborn Abbott. informing that they have received a further letter from Major Swannell.		
11. 6. 15.	Reply sent.		
29. 6. 15.	L Seaborn asking for certificates		
6. 7. 15.	Garland Seaborn Abbott. asking for proof of death.		
3. 5. 15.	3rd Ech found? Confirmation of No T.F. 1145/6 vide No 29.		
12. 7. 15.	Reply sent letter 6. 7. 15. Euclio? certificates		
16. 7. 15.	Garland Seaborn Abbott. asked? receipt of letter of 2/7/15.		
2. 10. 15.	Advice of despatch of Personal effects received - B. R. No. 11/22		
12-1-16	Adv L. 2 No 8 forward letter from above association asking for effect 11/1.		
31-1-19	Memo. to Deputy Com of Location.		
10-2-19	"Will" letter re executors in file 35/970.		
	Form of Commem. (to NOK) B. R. No. 35/970.		
	Director B. R. M. 48/1307 mmmmm re Grants despatched 22.12.1915.		
17. 1. 20	1 Identity disc in 48/40		
	To Comd. Adv. Hq. B. R. M. 30/659		
	1017, 1018 Staff Issued B. R. M. 48/1229/2371 8/15		

WAR HISTORY INDEX

LIST 5

A. & M. D. Pty. Ltd. - No. 748

VICTORY MEDAL described and issued by Australia House, B.R.M. 52/1928



mb BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdr A.S. J. J. J. B.R.M. 52/1219

4/7/22 Letter to London re burial pass. L.A. 14.55/2

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MEMORIAL
SCROLL
To
Mr Swannell
In England
356486
7/12/22

MEMORIAL
PLAQUE
To
Mr Swannell
In England
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