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*Certified true copy*  
*W. B. Sewell, Lieut.*

8th. F.A.B. <sup>3</sup>

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.



# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

## Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 20112 Name WATT, Edward James  
Unit F.A.B. Rfts  
Joined on 2. 3. 16

*V* 25190  
8th. F.A.B.

*Indulged*

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

1. What is your Name? ... WATT Edward James
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... South Melbourne Victoria
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... Natural Born British Subject
4. What is your Age? ... 25 years 3 months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ... Railway Employee
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... no.
7. Are you married? ... married Wishart
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... Wife. Mrs. Ethel Watt. 11 Buckley Street ESSENDON VICTORIA
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... no.
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? ... no.
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which and if not now serving, state cause of discharge ... yes. 6 yrs 23rd Battery A.F.A. Discharged at own Request 4/7/15
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.

PAY BOOK NO. 112,490 PK

APPLICATION FOR WAR SERVICE  
LEAVE GRATUITY PASSED  
FEB 13 1916  
R/O. No. W.B. Sewell

Edward James Watt 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.

*crossed out in error* And I further agree to allot not less than three-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children.

Date 2. 3. 16.

E. J. Watt  
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.

*J.H.* ~~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 2. 3. 16

*Hastie Lieut*  
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.\*

3. Edward James Watt. swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 2. 3. 16 until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

So HELP ME, GOD.

Edward James Watt  
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Melbourne in the State of Victoria this second day of March 1916, before me—

*Hastie 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 WATT, Edward James<sup>3</sup> on Enlistment.

Age 25 years 3 months.  
Height 5 feet 6 inches.  
Weight 121 lbs.  
Chest Measurement 33/35 inches.  
Complexion Fresh  
Eyes Blue  
Hair Brown  
Religious Denomination Baptist

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

None 1 Arm

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 2/3/16

Place Melbourne.

Charles J. Labelberg Capt RMC  
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 F. A. B. RMs

Date 20/3/16

Place Maribyrnong

Lieut  
Commanding F. A. B. RMs

D. 577(4.15.—C. 487.

Statement of Service of No. 20112 Name Edward James Watt

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
F. d. B. Rft 8 <sup>th</sup> ABde	<i>Gunner</i>	20/3/16	2-4-16	MARIBYRNONG
8 <sup>th</sup> ABde	Bomber Plw BR 106/47	1-10-16		Rank Capt BR 86/113
"	Bombardier	2-10-16	27-12-16	Prom BR 86/15
"	Corporal (temp)	28-12-16	28-12-16	
<i>Awarded Military Medal</i>				<i>bag 219/17</i>
<i>Mr. O 5th 7/17</i>				<i>Confirmed</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Div Artillery HQs (8 <sup>th</sup> ABde)	<i>Corporal</i>	28-12-16		
8 <sup>th</sup> F. A. Ade.	<i>Col. DISCHARGED</i>		14-5-18	BR 125/95 100

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

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41 Returned to duty T.S.



AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

## Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 20112

Name WATT Edward James

Unit 8th F. A. B. RFL 32 Bty

Joined on 2-3-16

V ~~25100~~

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

1. What is your Name? 41 ... .. 1. WATT Edward James
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... .. 2. In the Parish of South Melbourne in or near the Town of South Melbourne 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 2 months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ... .. 5. Railway Employee
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. Married
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... .. 8. Wife Mrs Ethel Watt 11 Buckley Street ESSENDON 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 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? ... .. 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. 6 years 23rd Battery RFA Yes discharged at own request
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. Yes
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... .. 15. Yes

Edward James Watt 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 ~~wife~~ wife and children.

Date 2.3.16

E J Watt  
Signature of person enlisted.

D.377/11.15.—C.15759. \* 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 2. 3. 16

Wassie Lieut  
Signature of Attesting Officer

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.\*

Edward James Watt swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 2 3. 16 until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

So HELP ME, God.

Edward James Watt  
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Melbourne in the State of Victoria this second day of March 1916, before me—

Wassie Lieut  
Signature of Attesting Officer.

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

Description of WATT Edward James on Enlistment.

Age <u>28</u> years <u>3</u> months.	DISTINCTIVE MARKS. <u>Vac 1 harm.</u>
Height <u>5</u> feet <u>6</u> inches.	
Weight <u>121</u> lbs.	
Chest Measurements <u>33/35</u> inches.	
Complexion <u>Fresh</u>	
Eyes <u>Blue</u>	
Hair <u>Brown</u>	
Religious Denomination <u>Baptist</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 2/3/1916  
Place Melbourne

Edmund Labellby Cantmore  
Signature of Examining Medical Officer.  
Capt Edml

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 87. a. B Officer 32nd Bty.

Date 20/3/16 19/3/16

Place Melbourne

Edmund Labellby Cantmore  
.....  
O.C. 32nd Battery.  
8th F.A. Brigade, A.I.F.  
Commanding 87. a. B. R.H.S.

D. 377/1.13. - 4-107.



N103 8. 28/6/17  
~~B103 7 8-17~~

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Statement of Service of No. 20112 Name Edward James Watt

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
F. A. B. Dfts		20.3.16		MARIBYRNONG
	From. Pdr. (8th F.A.B. D/O)	Eng.	2-10-16	819 32/801 E 20/10/16
	PROMOTED to <u>1st Lt</u> (8th F.A.B. D/O)	"	28/12/16	1/504 E. 19/1/17
	Proceeding Overseas FRANCE. (Std. F.A.B. D/O)	"	30/12/16	1/355 E. 13/1/17
	(S/Pl) Wounded in Action France (Gas)	France	7.6.17.	8/021/1106 21-6-17. 8th F.A.B.
	(S/Pl) Invalided to England per "Varilda" ex Rouen. (Gassed).	France	13-6-17.	8/022/1194 28-6-17. 8th F.A.B.
	(Pvt) Promoted Bombardier (provisional)	France	2-10-16.	8/023/1196 28/6-17. 8th F.A.B.
	(Pl) Adm. 1st. Thru Gen. Hosp. Farming. Gassed.	Eng.	14-6-17.	26/2580 E. 9-7-17
	<u>1st Lt</u> Awarded Military Medal (A.M. 1423/59) a D.C. 198- dated 28.5.45	France	3.7.17	8030/2742 E 4/8/17. R.R. 5454.
	<u>1st Lt</u> Promoted (8th F.A.B.) (627/44) (P.B. 7112490) W. J. 528. H. R. 1280.	Eng.	28.12.16	8034/3123 E 1.9.17 (3rd D.A. 8th)
	(Pl) Returned to duty per "A 35" from Eng. for discharge (Gas) Bedpres.	Eng.	31.10.17	2R. 10272 2.11.17. 8/046/E 3966 ✓
	Discharged 3 <sup>rd</sup> m. D	14.5.18 (m. D)		B.R. 2128/95.

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

*Signature*  
 Captain

O.C. 32nd Battery,  
 8th F.A. Brigade, A.I.F.

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

*Sp.*

**D.L.B. AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**  
8th Arty./20112

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
VICTORIA BARRACKS,  
MELBOURNE, 12th November, 1917.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that, according to the records, No. 20112, Corporal Edward James Watt, 8th Field Artillery Brigade, Australian Imperial Force, was admitted to 1st Southern General Hospital on 14th June, 1917, suffering with Gas Poisoning; discharged to furlough on 30th July, 1917, to report to Perham Downs on 13th August, 1917; no further record available.

The General Secretary,  
Australian Natives' Association,  
Prell's Buildings,  
Cr. Collins & Queen Streets,  
MELBOURNE.

~~W. H. OSBORNE,~~  
**J. M. O'BRIEN,** Major,

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

D.197/3.17-C.3417.

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O. H. M. S.

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

PM

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

B.R. Form No. 10.

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**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
VICTORIA BARRACKS,  
MELBOURNE, 14th September, 1917.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that, according to the records, No. 20112, Corporal Edward James Watt, 8th Field Artillery Brigade, was admitted to 1st Southern General Hospital, on 14th June, 1917, suffering with Gas Poisoning; no further record available.

The General Secretary,  
Australian Natives' Assn.,  
Prell's Buildings,  
Cr. Collins & Queen Sts.,  
MELBOURNE.

J. M. LEAN, Major,

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

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Victoria Barracks, Melbourne.

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
VICTORIA BARRACKS,

MELBOURNE,

4th July, 1917.

E.P.

Dear

I Madam,  
now beg

to advise you that  
has been reported

Corporal E. J. Watt,  
admitted to the 1st Southern  
England, 14.6.17, suffering from the  
effects of gas.

His postal address will be  
General Hospital, ~~Southern~~ *Birmingham*

No 20112, Corporal E. J. Watt,  
Australian Imperial Force,  
8th Field Artillery Brigade  
Abroad.

In the absence of further reports it is to be assumed that satisfactory progress is being maintained, but anything later received will be promptly transmitted, it being clearly understood that if no further advice is forwarded this department has no more information to supply.



Yours faithfully,

J. M. LEAN, Major,  
Officer in Charge, Base Records.

D 104/5.17.-C.3416.

Mrs E. Watt,  
11 Buckley Street,  
Essendon, VIC.

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

FMP

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
VICTORIA BARRACKS,  
MELBOURNE, 25th June, 1917.

Dear Madam,

I regret to advise you that Temporary Corporal E. J. Watt has been reported suffering from gas poisoning.

His postal address will be:—

No. 20112 Temporary Corporal E. J. Watt,  
8th Field Artillery Brigade,  
Australian Imperial Force,  
Abroad.

In the absence of further reports it is to be assumed that satisfactory progress is being maintained, but anything later received will be promptly transmitted, it being clearly understood that if no further advice is forwarded this department has no more information to supply.

Yours faithfully,

**J. M. LEAN**, Major,  
*Officer in Charge, Base Records.*

D 194/3.17.—C.3416.

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Mrs. F. Watt,  
11 Buckley Street,  
ESSENDON, VIC.

L.K.  
8th/ 20112.

29th January, 1918

No. 20112, Corporal Edward

James Watt, 8th Field Artillery Brigade, Australian Imperial Force, was admitted to 1st Southern General Hospital on 14th June, 1917; suffering with Gas Poisoning; transferred to 3rd Auxiliary Hospital on 23rd July, 1917; discharged to Furlough on 30th July, 1917, to report to Perham Downs on 13th August, 1917; returned to Australia per Hospital Transport "Berrima" which reached Melbourne on 30th December, 1917, illness being specified as Deafness; no further record available.

No. 20112 Corporal R. J. Watt,  
Ngarveno Street,

MOONEE PONDS. V.

DESPATCHED

20112 Watt & J.

2013

14-6-17 ✓ adms to 1st Stn.  
g. H. Gasse d.

30/7-13-8-17 D to from 3

Aut. H. ~~for~~ fur. Rep.

P. Downs

23-7-17 Trans. from 1st Stn

gen. Hpl. to 3rd Stn.  
g. H. Gasse d.

BASE RECORDS .....

ENQUIRY OFFICE

.....Co.....

Date *10.1.18*

Regt'l No. *20112* Rank *Capt* Name .....

Name *Watt* *E. J.* Unit *108 Howitzer*

Enquiry .....

*certificate for badge*

*Returned Peruma 30.12.17*

*Post to*

*Capt E. J. Watt  
Mgarrene St  
Moonee Ponds*

Int'l Sec. Clerk..... Uniy ..... Int'l'd



To... *M.A. 1/c. 108. H. 20. 1815. No. 1. Co. Depot*  
 Report from the Ear & Throat Specialist, *Perham Down Cent* Military Hospital, Tidworth,  
 on No. *30112*. Rank... *PL*. Name... *Watts* 92

Regiment... *108. H. 20. 1815* Age... *26*

- 1. Disability... *Diagnosis left ear*
- 2. Hearing (a) Voice... *with difficulty*
- Normal 2 feet (b) Watch (R)... *512* (L)... *1 1/2 ft*
- 3. Cause... *Chronic suppurative Otitis Media*
- 4. Treatment... *as per envelope*
- 5. Fitness for Service... *in ear*

Remarks  
*Watts*  
 17 AUG 1917  
 17 SEP 1917  
 Signed... *Amundson*

Date... 1917  
 Capt. RAMO. Specialist I/o.  
 Ear & Throat Dept.  
 WATTEDWARD JAMES

No. of last entry in Company Conduct Sheet } Name *Watt R.* }  
Sqn., Batty., or Company } *1st Bn. 10th Cavalry* }  
Corps } *1st Cavalry Div.* }  
Period not reckoning towards } *FOR* }  
freedom from extra line } *Signature O.C. Company, etc.* }  
G.C. Badges } *(initials)* }  
Service or Proficiency Pay }  
Character }

Place	Date of offence	Rank	Cases of Drunkenness	Offence	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or of order discharging with trial	By whom awarded	Remarks
		<i>Cpl</i>							

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Place	Date of offence	Rank	Case of Drinkers' cases	Offence	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or of order depending on trial	By whom awarded	Remarks

11 Australian General Hospital.

79.  
Name WATT, Edward J. No. 20112 Rank Cpl. Unit 8th F.A.B.  
Boat BERRIMA. Date Admitted \_\_\_\_\_ Age 26  
Occupation Electro-plater Disability Deafness L. ear, dullness of hearing right ear.

HISTORY:

Shell shocked and gassed 6.6.17. 14 6.17, L. ear discharging and became deaf.  
Spec. Report:- 12.9.17. Hearing: Voice with difficulty.  
Watch, normal 2'. R. Nil.. R. & L. 1 1/2'. Cause Chr. Sup. O.M.

PRESENT CONDITION:

*Double suppurative otitis media due to active service.*

*March 21 1918: Left ear treated.*

*D.F.P.U. No. 201 & R.S.*

*W. J. ...*  
Lieut - Colonel  
D.O. No. 11 A.G.H.

Present Incapacity 1/2

Signatures

*Sh. Cunningham Major*

*W. J. ... Capt*

Date 23.4.19

D.1168/11.17.-C.15461.-10M.



Previous Treatment, including names of Hospitals and Dates

Treatment at No. 11 A.G.H.:

*Watt Edward James*  
*1881-1918*

*Resident Medical Officer.*

Essendon  
Dec 16<sup>th</sup>

Officer Commanding  
Base Records

Sir

Attached please find particulars wanted  
by Insurance Society, would you oblige by giving  
same as soon as possible

20112

Name

WATT E. J

108<sup>th</sup> How Baking 8 J. a B.

Sailed May 20<sup>th</sup> 1915

Returned December 29<sup>th</sup> 1917

Discharged May 14<sup>th</sup> 1918



E. J. Watt

43 Robb St  
Essendon

Edwards  
18/12

Exp/Corp  
of Insurance  
Society  
18/12

*Agent*

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.

Room 190.  
2/18/1918.

W.G.

I E M O.,

In connection with the payment by this Department of War Risk premiums on your life assurance policies, I shall be glad if you will supply me as soon as possible with information on the following points, viz.,

1. The date of your embarkation from Australia,
2. Where you saw Active Service,
3. Whether you were in England or India prior to your return to Australia from the front, if so, the dates
4. The date of your embarkation for Australia, and where from,
5. The date of your arrival in Australia.

The Assurance Society requires that the particulars supplied by you should be confirmed by a certificate of Service which may be obtained from the Base Records Office. You will therefore require to obtain such certificate and attach it to your reply.

R.A. McILWRAITH  
Auditor of Disbursements  
per *RM*

*Medical Director, E. J. Watt,*  
*of Mackay's Manager*  
*of New South...*

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IF.

*Watt*

19th December, 1918.

DESPATCHED

No. 20112 Corporal Edward James Watt, M.M. 8th Field Artillery Brigade, Australian Imperial Force, was:-

20/5/16	Embarked for Active Service Abroad.
20/12/16	Proceeded Overseas to France.
13/6/17	Transferred to England.
31/10/17	Left England for return to Australia per Hospital Transport "Berrima".
30/12/17	Reached Melbourne.
14/5/18	Discharged as Medically Unfit.

Mr. E.J. Watt,  
43 Robb Street,  
Essendon. V.

WJW

Wright

43 Robb St  
Essendon  
Sept 3rd

O/c Base Records  
Melbourne

Sir

Would you provide me with a  
certificate answering the enclosed question  
as required by the Railway Department  
Thanking you in anticipation

Yours Ld  
E. J. Watt



26/11/19

apt E. J. Watt  
108th How. Battery

H. O. Bacon

*Mr. Nichol*

*Agent*

FORM 190.

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.

..... 7/9/19 .....

V.G.

MEMO.

and if

In connection with the Aviation and Corps and if  
of War Risk premiums on the Aviation and Corps and if  
glad if you will be glad to be attached to the Aviation and Corps and if  
on the first and last flight.

Whether at any time you were attached to the Aviation and Corps and if  
the date and place of your arrival in Australia.

4. The date of your arrival in Australia.

5. The date of your arrival in Australia.

The Assurance Society requires that the particulars  
supplied by you should be confirmed by a certificate of service  
which may be obtained from the Base Records Office. You will  
therefore require to obtain such certificate and attach it to  
your reply.

R.A. McILWRAITH  
Auditor of Disbursements

per *[Signature]*

*Mr. Nichol, E. J. Watt  
C. J. Nichol, Manager  
Newport*

*Mr. Nichol*

*Urgent*

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.

Recm 190.

*11/9/19*

V.G.

Dear Sir,

In connection with the payment by this Department of War Risk premiums on your life assurance policies I shall be glad if you will supply me as soon as possible with information on the following points, viz.,

1. The date of your embarkation from Australia.
2. Where you saw Active Service.
3. Whether you were in England or India prior to your return to Australia from the front, if so, the dates, the date of your embarkation for Australia, and where from the date of your arrival in Australia.

The Assurance Society requires that the particulars supplied by you should be confirmed by a certificate of service which may be obtained from the Base Records Office. You will therefore require to obtain such certificate and attach it to your reply. \*

R.A. McILWRAITH  
Auditor of Disbursements

*Mr. Nichol, E. J. Watt,  
C.P. Warburton, Manager  
Newport*

IF.

10th September, 1919.

No. 20112 Corporal Edward James Watt, M.M. 8th Field Artillery  
Brigade, Australian Imperial Force, :-

20/5/16	Embarked at Active Service abroad.
20/12/16	Proceeded Overseas to France ex England.
13/6/17	Transferred to England.
31/10/17	Left England for return to Australia per Hospital Transport "Berrima"
30/12/17	Reached Melbourne.
14/5/18	Discharged from A.I.F.

Mr. E.J. Watt,  
43 Robb Street,  
Essendon. V.

P.S. There is no record of the abovenamed  
having been attached to the Aviation Corps.



E. G.

xxxx 4780

11th October, 1923.

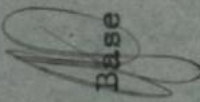
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17 OCT 1923

Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your application for a Memorial Plaque and Scroll on account of the services of the late No.20112 Corporal E.J.Watt, M.M., 8th F.A.Brigade, and to state these mementos will be forwarded to you as soon as available.

Yours faithfully,

  
Officer i/c Base Records.  
Captain,

Mrs. E. Wishart,  
45 Waverley St,  
ESSENVION. VIC.

45 Waverley Street  
Essendon

To whom it may concern,  
Dear Sir

I want to apply for plaque for my late husband  
to 112 Cpl S J Watt who died at Campfield Military Hospital  
7-6-21. He enlisted in February 1916 hoping to learn  
join soon. I might state that I have never applied  
before, but saw by the press that I could do so

Yours sincerely  
S Watt

S Watt  
45 Waverley St  
Essendon.



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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES—3RD MILITARY DISTRICT.

Received One *B-W* MEDAL for No. *20112*

Rank *Cpl* Name *Watt E J*

Unit *8 Fab*

Schedule No. *44585* (Signature) *EJ Watt*

(Witness)

Place *V/B* History Card completed *[initials]*

Date *17 9-21*

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NAA: B2455, WATT EDWARD JAMES

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

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

C.12.16.

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NAA: B2455, WATT EDWARD JAMES

**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 ~~Ex-No~~ 20112. Corporal. E.J. Watt. "M.M." 8th Field Artillery Brigade.

(Signature) *E. J. Watt*

(Date) *2-11-23*

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

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RECEIPT FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUE.

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Army Head-quarters,  
one Memorial Plaque in connexion with the late Ex-NO. 20112. Corporal.

E. J. Watt, "M.M." 8th Field Artillery Brigade.

Signature

*Charles Wishart*

Date

*2. 11. 53*

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

L. 2033/4. 22.—C. 13580.—5M.

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NAA: B2455, WATT EDWARD JAMES



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

REPATRIATION DEPARTMENT

VICTORIAN BRANCH

151-169 KING'S WAY

SOUTH MELBOURNE, S.C.5

Address all Mail to Deputy Commissioner

Repatriation Department

P.O. Box 87A, Melbourne, C.1

Telephone: 69 0110 Ext.....

R33/38 R23

PLEASE QUOTE NO.....

WATT (M.M.) EDWARD JAMES - 20112 - Cph. S.F.A.B.

It would be appreciated if you would forward to this Office  
a copy of the A.F.B. 103 of the abovenamed.

*Moto*  
*2579/68*

*[Signature]*  
(T.M. STEPHENS)  
Deputy Commissioner.

*20/9/68*

The Officer in Charge,  
Central Army Records Office,  
ALBERT PARK BARRACKS.  
Victoria.

R.7.

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W A T T	Edward James	20112 Gnr.	32/Bty.
Surname.	Other Names	Regimental No.	Unit.
PURPORT.		AUTHORITY.	
Embarked at Melbourne per H.M.A.T. A7 Medio 20/5/16.			
2.10.16. Prom. Bombardier. (Prov.)			
7.6.17. Wounded in action (Gas)			
14.6.17 Adm. to 1st Stn. Gen/Hosp. Gassed (sts 108th How. Bty)			
30.7-13.8.17. Dischd from 3rd. Aux. H. from Fur, Rep. P. Dns. GASSED			
28/12/16. Promoted to CPL. (Temp) (Sts. Bdr.)			
20/12/16. Proceeding O/S. to France. (Sts. Cpl.)			
23/7/17 Trans from 1st Stn Gen Hpl to 3rd Aux Hpl.			
Gas Poisoning. (states 108th How Bty)			
14.6.17. Adm 1st Stn. G Hosp. Dudly Rd. B'ham. Gassed			
13.6.17. Invalided to England per "warilda" ex Rouen. Gassed			
3.7.17. Awarded the Military Medal			
<p style="text-align: right;">D.825/2416. C.9024</p> <p>National Archives of Australia</p> <p style="text-align: right;">NAA: B2455, WATT EDWARD JAMES</p>			

PURPORT.	AUTHORITY.
28/12/16. PROM. CPT. (Sybil F.A. 3) F.R.NO. 112490.	LDN. 34/2-17
31.10.17 Emb per A.36 from England for Aust for Dis Debility	LON 46/2-17
Poor Physique.	

Natural Discharges of Audubon "Berrima". M.U. (Sta. 198 H. Bty.) W 28/528.  
 1845/1846. NVA. B2455. WAIT EDWARD JAMES

32A 8th F.A.B. 20.5.16.

Army Form B. 103.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regimental Number 20/12

Regiment or Corps 108th Cavalry Bn 2nd A. Brigade

Rank Gunner

Christian Name Edward James

Religion Baptist

Age on Enlistment 25 years 3 months.

Enlisted (a) 2.3.16 Terms of Service (a) 2.10.16

Service reckons from (a)

Date of promotion to present rank 2.10.16

Date of appointment to lance rank

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

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. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken for Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
	Date	From whom received				
		Mr E. G. 7.	Embarked ...	Melbourne	20.5.16	
		G. 7. Medic	Disembarked ...	Plymouth	19.7.16	
26/11/16	16 Lark Hill		Admitted to Hospital	200pschp A7	22.5.16	
30/12/16	St. F. A. B.		Admitted to Hospital	200pschp A7	8.7.16	8213 F. 8. 1630
30.12.	8th. F. A. B.		Procurement	Eng	2/10/16	2037 2012/16
1916			Proceeding Overseas	Eng.	28/12/16	8th F. 130 504 F
8.6.17	G.O. 8th F.A.B.		FRANCE	S. HAMPTON. 30	12.16	WR. 7.130
9.6.17	8th. Gen. Hosp.		Wounded in Action (Gas)	To the Field	7.6.17	DO. 1/13. 1.17
19.6.17	Med. Section		Adm. Gas Poisoning	Rouen	9.6.17	829/265 501/136
12.6.17	8th. Gen. Hosp.		Must. queried re capture of campy road			WR. 7.1319/67
			Gas Poisoning to Eng. Rouen			112/639/14
						13.6.17 WR. 1319/83

(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, Shoeing-Smith, &c.

6038, Wt. 15012/5156. 1/300,000. 1/16. P. P. Ltd. Form B. 103.

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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 of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
13.6.17	"Wardle"	Transf. to England x	Rowen	13.6.17	M. 1319/87 DO 22/1194 24.6.17
3.10.16	B.O. P.H.A.B.	Transferred to Australia (pinal)	England	2.10.16	627/19 DO. 22/1196 28.6.17
14.6.17	12th Gen Bham adm	Garred	"	14.6.17	WS 484 HR995 B0265 2550 1/17
9.6.17	9 A.T. amb.	Both (T. Cpl) adm 7.6.17 to C.C.S.	France	8.6.17	AK 1319/93 LR 4887
16.6.17	2 A.C.S.	Bar (T. Cpl) 7.6.17 B.A.T.	Do	7.6.17	LR 524524 AK 1423/46
3.7.17	A.27 Liaison	Bar (T. Cpl) awarded M.L. Medal	"	14.6.17	AK 1423/59 LR 5454
23.7.17	105. G.H. Bham	Bar (T. Cpl) transk 3 am	"	23.7.17	SP 3024/817 HR 106.4/817
30.7.17	3 am	Bar (Cpl) of fuel from 30/1/17 6/3/87 up to 18 Par Dns	Eng.	13.8.17	
13.8.17	C.O. 840 B.	(Cpl) from Corp	"	28.12.16	70342-1417.L.R. 714 3123
20.8.17	No 1. C.D.	(Cpl) No 1. C.D. from Corp Plan (B. 1. a)	"	13.8.17	L.R. - 200. B. 213.
12.9.17	do.	(Cpl) Mellap. C. B.	"	12.9.17	L.R. 8358.
9.10.17	No 1 Com Dep.	No 1 Com Dep. to 2 Com Dep. Weymouth Portsmouth Dns	"	14.10.17	1019179
7.10.17	No 2. C.D.W.	(Cpl) No 2. from No 1. C.D. Per D.	"	4.10.17	L.R. 9187 B214
7.11.17	S.B. 357 R.	(Cpl) Returned to Australia per "A. 35" from Eng 31-10-17. for Discharge (Cpl) Deafness	"		L.R. 10272. 21
				31-10-17	D.O. 461 E. R. 11-17.

NAA: B2455, WATT EDWARD JAMES  
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - 3rd DISTRICT BASE

Headquarters, 3rd Dist. Base  
Victoria Barracks,

Melbourne, 10th June, 1921.

Officer i/c B.R.

Reporting that No. 20112 ex Corporal WATT. E.J.,  
8th F.A.Bde., who was admitted to No. 11 A.G.H., on 23rd May,  
1921, died in that Institution at 11.5 p.m., on 7th June,  
1921, cause of death being :-

- (1) Otitis Media.
- (2) Cerebral Abscess.

Relatives were present at time of death.



*to W. Watt  
14/6/21*

*WA 17/6*

*J.P.L.  
14/6/21*

*J. M. ...*

Major.  
Staff Corps.  
S.O. "A" & "Q" Branches, 3rd District Base

A.R.

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**INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT**



ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO  
INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT

*Australian Mutual Provident Society*

VICTORIA BRANCH 580 / 1728

*Melbourne,* 14th. June, 1921.

The Secretary for Defence,  
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

We should be very much obliged if you would kindly give us the full military record of Edward James Watt, No. 20112, 32 Field Artillery Brigade, 3rd Military District - particularly in regard to any medical treatment he may have required during Active Service or afterwards.

Thanking you in anticipation,

We are,

Yours faithfully,

Branch Manager,  
INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.



*Mr Smith 2/7/21*

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SENT JUN 15 1921

JUN 17 1921

*Base Records 19/6 JUN 21 1921*



RECORDS SECTION

JUN 22 1921

*SR. 107. 23/2*

PH/BS.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE, A.I.F.,  
10th January 1918.

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Dear Madam,

I have much pleasure in forwarding here-  
under copy of extract from Fourth Supplement No. 30234  
to the London Gazette dated 14th August, 1917, relating  
to the conspicuous services rendered by your husband,  
No. 20112 Corporal E. J. Watt, 8th Field Artillery Brigade.

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AWARDED THE MILITARY MEDAL

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"HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously  
pleased to award the Military Medal for bravery in the  
Field to the undermentioned non-commissioned Officer :-

No. 20112 Corporal E. J. WATT."

X X X X

The above has been promulgated in Common-  
wealth of Australia Gazette, No. 219 of 20th December, 1917.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. E. Watt,  
11 Buckley Street,  
Essendon,  
VICTORIA.

Major  
Officer i/c Base Records

WATT, Edward J.

20112

Cpl.

8th F.A.B.

BERRIMA.

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Electro-plater

Deafness L. ear, dull hearing  
R. ear.

PRES. CONDITION.

Double sup. otitis media, due to active service.

Watch: Rt. 3". L. contact

DAPU SOI RS

W B VANCE LT COL

Incap.  $\frac{1}{2}$

S.A. EWING, Major.

W.A. LUKE, Capt.



Temporary

To be used (a) for recruits enlisting direct into the Regular Army, and (b) for men of the Territorial Force when they are admitted to Hospital. Army Form B. 178<sup>A</sup> to be used for Special Reserve recruits and Special Reservists enlisting into the Regular Army.

MEDICAL HISTORY OF

Surname Watt Christian Name E. J.

TABLE I.—General Table.

Birthplace { Parish .....  
County .....

Examined { on ..... day of ..... 191...  
at .....

Declared Age ..... years ..... days

Trade or Occupation .....

Height ..... feet ..... inches

Weight ..... lbs.

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully Expanded ..... inches  
Range of Expansion ..... inches

Physical Development .....

Vaccination Marks { Arm ..... RIGHT. LEFT.  
Number .....

When Vaccinated .....

Vision { R. E.—V= .....  
L. E.—V= .....

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease—  
.....  
.....

(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection—  
.....  
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TABLE III.—Boards; Courts of Enquiry, Vaccination, Inoculations, etc.; Examinations for Field or Foreign Service, Extension, Re-engagement, or Prolongation of Service; Issue of Surgical Appliances; Particulars of Dental Treatment, etc.

Date.	Brief Details and Signature.
12-9-17	C. P. Dome The Colonel Major
12-10-17	Colonel Gordon. Permanently unfit for all services.

Approved by .....  
Rank ..... Medical Officer.

T. A. B.  
1. 6. 9. 16.  
2. 16. 9. 16.

TABLE IV.—Service Table.

	Station or Troopship.	Date of arrival or embarkation.	Date of departure or disembarkation.
Enlisted { at ..... on ..... day of ..... 191...			
Joined on enlistment	Corps. <u>AdA 108th Coy</u>	Regtl. No. <u>20112</u>	
Transferred to	<u>A 55 H.M.T.</u>	<u>Berima</u>	<u>31/10/17</u> <u>30/12/17</u>
Became non-effective by .....			
on ..... day of ..... 191...			
(Signature) .....			
(Rank) .....			

TO REPORT TO No 3 COMMAND DEPOT,  
PERHAM DOWN

TABLE II.—Only for Admissions to Hospital or to the Sick List in case of Warrant Officers treated in quarters.

Name of Hospital	Admitted to Hospital		Discharged from Hospital			Disease	Number of days in Hospital	Remarks bearing on the cause, nature, or treatment of the case, likely to be of interest or of future use. In cases of syphilis, admissions and re-admissions to hospital will be shown. The subsequent progress, including particulars of treatment out of hospital, transfers, &c., will be given in the special syphilis case sheet	Signature of Medical Officer
	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month				
2/1st. Southern General Hospital, Dudley Road, Birmingham	6	14	23	7	17	Scars	39	Transferred to No. 3 Aust. Army Dental Hospital	A. S. G. R. M. E. Captain RAME
	23	7	30	7	17		7	See p. 1	A. S. G. R. M. E.
	14	8	17			do. '56/7	only fair 13/12	See p. 1	A. S. G. R. M. E.
	11	9	17					See p. 1	A. S. G. R. M. E.
								Copy of Ear Report by Capt. H. S. ... R.A.P. Specialist, ... Military Hospital ... Dreadfully deafness left ear Hearing (a) ... with difficulty Specialist (H.L.) ... Case ... Treatment as prescription ... for service ...	



30.12.17. BERRIMA

Army Form B. 179.

Medical Report on an Invalid.

No. 11 AUST. GEN. HOSPITAL No. 154400B

ENTERED 2 MAY 1918 GEN. INVALID

Station Oral Berrima Dist Pertham Dist

Date 12.9.17

- 1. Unit 8 JAB 1st Aust Div
- 2. Regimental No. 20112
- 3. Rank Cpl
- 4. Name WATT EDWARD JAMES
- 5. Age last birthday 36
- 6. Enlisted { on March 1916 at Melbourne
- 7. Former Trade or Occupation { Electrician

8. Disability.

Deafness in left ear  
Dulness in hearing in right ear

27645

ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS RECORDS DEPT. VERIFIED 15 OCT 1917

Statement of Case.

Note—The answers to the following questions are to be filled in by the Officer in medical charge of the case. In answering them he will carefully discriminate between the man's unsupported statements and evidence recorded in his military and medical documents. He will also carefully distinguish cases entirely due to venereal disease.

M.O. 186/1917 Date For Discharge 14/MAY 1918

- 9. Date of origin of disability. February 1917
- 10. Place of origin of disability. Armentieres - France

11. Give concisely the essential facts of the history of the disability, noting entries on the Medical History Sheet bearing on the case.

Premature explosion in front of him knocked him down  
caused concussion to the spine - Not examined  
at the time - He was "shell shocked" by a gas shell  
bursting near him - about 50 feet away - was evacuated  
to hospital in night of 6/7 June 1917 - Birmingham  
passed to 2/17th Aust Gen Hospital - Birmingham  
14/6/17 to 23/7/17 - gradually became deaf in L ear which still  
deaf

- 12. (a) Give your opinion as to the causation of the disability.
- (b) If you consider it to have been caused by active service, climate, or ordinary military service, explain the specific conditions to which you attribute it (See notes on page 3).

Injury to middle ear probably  
caused by concussion  
By active service - caused  
explosion of enemy shell

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PA only

13. What is his present condition?

Weight should be given in all cases when it is likely to afford evidence of the progress of the disability.

Report from Ear, Nose & Throat Specialist - Military Hospital - Darwin -  
on 10. 2012 - Rank Cpl - Name WATT S. J.

- 1. Disability Deafness left ear
- 2. Straining a voice with difficulty  
Normal speech (b) watch - R. side - (L) 1 1/2 feet
- 3. Cause chronic suppurative otitis media
- 4. Treatment as prescribed
- 5. Fitness for service C II or C III

Note watch test a minute every  
L. side R. side

Signed H. M. ...  
CAPTAIN Specialist  
Ear, Nose & Throat  
Mil Hosp Darwin

14. If the disability is an injury, was it caused

- (a) In action? **Yes**
- (b) On field service? **Yes**
- (c) On duty? **Yes**
- (d) Off duty? **-**

15. Was a Court of Inquiry held on the injury?

- If so - (a) When? **No**
- (b) Where? **No**
- (c) Opinion? **No**

16. Was an operation performed? If so, what?

**No**

17. If not, was an operation advised and declined?

**No**

18. In case of loss or decay of teeth. Is the loss of teeth the result of wounds, injury or disease, directly attributable to active service?

**Not applicable**

19. Do you recommend

- (a) Discharge as permanently unfit, or **Not**
- (b) Change to England? **Yes**

**H. M. ... Capt**  
Officer in medical charge of case.

I have satisfied myself of the general accuracy of this report, and concur therewith, except†

Station Perham Barracks H. M. ... Major  
Date 12. 9. 17. Officer in charge of Hospital.

\* Loss of teeth on, or immediately after, active service, should be attributed thereto, unless there is evidence that it is due to some other cause.  
† Delete this word if no exceptions are to be made.

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Service  
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12-10-17  
Colonel Gordon.  
Permanently unfit for all services.

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In

Letter 12/10/17

24A.

25. If an operation was advised and declined, was the refusal unreasonable?

26. Do the Board recommend

- (a) Discharge as permanently unfit, or
- (b) Change to England?

Find: Permanently unfit for General Services & unfit for Home Service.

Signatures :-

*[Signature]* President.

Station

Perham Down.

*[Signature]* Members.

Date

12. 9. 17

Approved.

Station

*[Signature]*  
Administrative Medical Officer.

Date



Major.  
for Surgeon General.  
D.M.S. A.I.F.

V V V	In reply to Number.	Day of Month.	Sender's Number.
			TO
By	(Signature of "Franking Officer")	To	At
From			

ard, as, in possession

- (ii) Expressions such as "may," "might," "probably," &c., should be avoided.
- (iii) The rates of pension vary directly according to whether the disability is attributed to (a) active service, (b) climate, or (c) ordinary military service. It is therefore essential when assigning the cause of the disability to differentiate between them (see Articles 1162 and 1165, Pay Warrant, 1913.)
- (iv) In answering question 20 the Board should be careful to discriminate between disease resulting from military conditions and disease to which the soldier would have been equally liable in civil life.
- (v) A disability is to be regarded as due to climate when it is caused by military service abroad in climates where there is a special liability to contract the disease.

20. (a) State whether the disability is the result of (i.) active service, (ii.) climate, or (iii.) ordinary military service.

(b) If due to one of these causes, to what specific conditions do the Board attribute it?

*Active service.*

*Infection of 4 years*

21. Has the disability been aggravated by

(a) Intemperance?

(b) Misconduct?

(c) Any of the conditions mentioned in question 20, and if so, which?

22. Is the disability permanent?

23. If not permanent, what is its probable minimum duration?  
To be stated in months.

*no.*

*yes - climate.*

*yes -*

*not applicable.*

24. To what extent is his capacity for earning a full livelihood in the general labour market lessened at present?

In defining the extent of his inability to earn a livelihood, estimate it at  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ , or total incapacity.

*$\frac{1}{4}$ .*

24A. Is the man suffering from a disability which would obviously, as far as you can judge, cause him to be rejected by an Approved Society under the National Insurance Act?

*not applicable.*

25. If an operation was advised and declined, was the refusal unreasonable?

26. Do the Board recommend

(a) Discharge as permanently unfit, or

(b) Change to England?

*find: Permanently unfit for General Service, & permit of unfit for Home Service.*

12-10-17. Colonel Gordon. Permanently unfit for all services.

Signatures:—

*F. H. ...* President.

Station *Perham Down.*

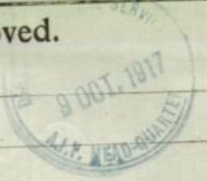
*A. D. ...* Members.

Date *12. 9. 17*

Approved.

Station \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

*[Signature]*  
Administrative Medical Officer.  
Major,  
for Surgeon General,  
D.M.S. A.I.F.



(On leaving Corps or Station where invalided.)

Transfer { Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 or Station \_\_\_\_\_  
 Embarkation { Date 21<sup>st</sup> October 1917  
 Port Swanport  
 Name of Vessel PS HMAT BERKINA  
 Officer in medical charge Col H.B. Douglas

Brief remarks on case during transit, and state on transfer for final disposal.

*Having departed. no discharge now. a little disability only on return will be required*

Re-transferred { Date 30/12/17  
 Hospital or Station Melbourne  
 Officer in medical charge Col H.B. Douglas

(At Station or Hospital where finally disposed of.)

Station and Hospital { NO. 11 AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL  
 Arrived from Perth Date 30 DEC 1917

If admitted		If under treatment		Disease	How finally disposed of	Date of Discharge, &c.
Date	From	To				
<u>30 DEC 1917</u>					<u>S.O.I.R.S. D.A.P.U.</u>	

Detailed statement as to condition on discharge, and whether discharged as an invalid, to corps, to station, or to depôt. In cases of discharge from the service it should be stated whether the answers to questions 22, 23 and 24 are concurred in.

PERMANENT MEDICAL REFEREE BOARD NO. 3  
 RECOMMENDED D.A.P.U.  
W. J. A. P. U.

*deaf left ear dull hearing right ear*

BOARD  
W. J. A. P. U.  
Jay Nicholls Major

Date of final Medical Board, or decision  
APR 24 1918  
APR 29 1918

CONFIRMED  
W. J. A. P. U.  
 Colonel A.A.M.C.  
 P.M.O. 3rd M.D.  
 Date 21 JAN 1918  
 Administrative Medical Officer.

Hospital or Station transferred to for final disposal  
 Date of final disposal  
 How finally disposed of  
 The original Report is invariably to accompany the discharge documents of invalids.

CONFIRMED  
W. J. A. P. U.  
 Colonel A.A.M.C.  
 P.M.O. 3rd M.D.  
 Date 30 APR 1918

Army Form B. 179.  
 MEDICAL REPORT ON AN  
 INVALID.

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27th June,

21.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that, according to the records of this Office the late ex No. 20112 Corporal Edward James WATT, "M.M.", 8th Field Artillery Brigade, Australian Imperial Force, was:-.

- 20/5/16. Embarked for Active Service abroad.
- 22/5/16. Admitted to Hospital, At Sea, Sick
- 25/5/16. Discharged from Hospital, --Sea Sickness.
- 8/7/16. Admitted to Hospital, At Sea, Sick.  
Date of Discharge from Hospital not available.
- 30/12/16. Proceeded Overseas to France, ex England.
- 18/7/16. Disembarked Plymouth, England.
- 7/6/17. WOUNDED IN ACTION ( Gas), and admitted to 9th Fld.Amb.
- 9/6/17. Admitted to 8th General Hospital, Rouen, --Gas Poisoning
- 13/6/17. Transferred to England.
- 14/6/17. Admitted to 1st General Hospital, Birmingham., -Gas  
Poisoning.
- 24/6/17. AWARDED THE MILITARY MEDAL.
- 23/7/17. Transferred to 3rd Auxiliary Hospital, Dartford.
- 30/7/17. Discharged from Hospital, granted furlough, and to  
report to Perham Downs, 13/8/17.
- 13/8/17. Marched into No.1 Command Depot, Perham Downs, from  
furlough, and classified B.1a.
- 12/9/17. Re-classified C.B
- 4/10/17. Marched into No.2 Command Depot, Weymouth, from No.1  
Command Depot, Perham Downs.
- 31/10/17. Left England for return to Australia per H.T."Berrima".
- 30/12/17. Disembarked Melbourne. -----
- 14/5/18. Discharged from the Australian Imperial Force.
- 23/5/21. Admitted to No.11 Australian General Hospital, Caulfield
- 7/6/21. Died at the same hospital. Cause of death.-(1) Otitis  
Media, (2) Cerebral Abscess.

J.M. LEAN Major  
Officer i/c Base Records.

The Branch Manager,  
Industrial Department,  
Australian Mutual Provident Society,  
459-463 Collins Street,  
MELBOURNE.



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27th June,

21

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to the records of this Office  
at this date, the late No. 20112 Cf

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—3rd Military District.

MEDICAL HISTORY.

Name **WATT Edward James.**

No. **20112** Rank **Cpl.**

Unit **8th F.A.B.**

Transport **"Berrima"**

Date **30.12.17.**

Hospital, &c.

Clinical Report.

2/1st Stn.Gen.Hos.  
14.6.17 - 23.7.17.

Dartford. GASSED. Transferred to No.3 A.A.H.  
(Sgd.) H.Fraser, Capt.R.a.m.C.

3rd A.A.H.Dartford.  
23.7.17 - 30.7.17.

Is now fit. " G.Knight, Mjr.

No.1 C.D.PERHAM DOWN.  
14.8.17.  
11.9.17.

GASSED. 15.6.17. Only fair. B.l.a.2.  
L. ear discharging.  
Re-Classed C.iii. (Sgd.) .....

Copy of Ear report by Capt. H.Smarthwaite. R.A.M.C.  
Specialist in charge Ear & Throat Dept. Military Hos.  
Tidworth. Disability. Deafness left Ear. Hearing.  
(a) Voice with difficulty. Normal 2' (b) watch.  
(R) nil (L. 1 1/2'. Cause, chronic suppurative  
Otitis Media. Treatment. as prescription.  
Fitness for Service. C.ii or C.iii.

PRESENT CONDITION.

Double suppurative otitis media due to active  
service.

No.11 A.G.H.

Watch Rt. 3". L. contact.

DAPU. to SOI. & RS. (Sgd.) W.B.VANCE, Lt-Col.

Pres.Incapacity 1/2. " S.A. EWING, Major.

23.4.18. " W.A.LUKE, Capt.

FM.

"BERRIMA" 30.12.17.

Army Form B. 179.

For War Pension Purposes.

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PROCEEDINGS OF A MEDICAL BOARD ON AN INVALID.

~~50464~~

Station No. 1 C.D. BERRIMA DOONS

Date 12.9.17.

1. Regiment or Corps <b>8th F.A.B.</b>	2. Regimental No. and Rank <b>20112 Cpl.</b>
3. Name <b>WATT Edward James.</b>	4. Age last birthday <b>26 years</b>
5. Enlisted { on <b>March 1916</b> at <b>Melbourne</b>	6. Former trade or occupation <b>Electro plater</b>
7. Disability <b>Deafness in L. Ear Dulness in hearing in R. Ear.</b>	

MEDICAL HISTORY OF THE INVALID.

NOTE.—The answers to the following questions are to be filled in by the Medical Officer by whom the soldier is brought forward. In answering them he will carefully discriminate between the man's unsupported statements on his case and recorded evidence furnished by his documents, military and medical. He will also carefully discriminate cases entirely due to venereal disease.

8. Date and place of origin of the disability ...

**Feb. 1917**

**Amentieres France**

9. Give concisely the essential facts of the causation and history of the disability, noting entries on the Medical History Sheet bearing on the case, and give your opinion, in cases where it applies, as to what part military service has taken in its production

**Premature explosion in Gun Pit Knocked him down and caused bleeding from both ears and nose. Not evacuated. At Messines was shell shocked by a gas shell bursting near him about 20 feet away was also gassed by same shell on night of 6th or 7th June 1917 was evacuated "gassed" to 2/1st. Southern General Hospital Birmingham. Left Ear started discharging and whilst in hospital from 14.6.17. to 23.7.17. Gradually became deaf in L. Ear which still discharges.**

**Injury to middle ear probably caused by concussion. By active service cause Explosion of enemy shell.**

<p>10. What is his present condition? ...  <small>Weight should be given in all cases when it is likely to afford evidence of the progress of the disability.</small></p>	<p><b>Report:- from Ear Specialist Military Hospital Tidworth on No. 20112 Rk. Opl. WATT E.J.</b>  <b>1. Disability Deafness left Ear.</b>  <b>2. Hearing &amp; voice with difficulty. Normal 2 ft.</b>  <b>3. H. watch R. Nil. (L) 1 1/2 feet.</b>  <b>4. Cause Chronic suppurative otitis media</b>  <b>5. Treatment as prescription</b>  <b>6. Fitness for service C.ii or C.iii</b>  <b>(Sgd) H. SMITHMATE Capt. A.A.M.C.</b>  <b>Specialist for Ear and Throat</b>  <b>Depot Military Hosp. Tidworth</b>  <b>(Note) watch test a mistaken entry L. Nil.</b>  <b>H. 1 1/2 feet. G.D.</b></p>
<p>11. If the disability is an injury, was it caused—  (a) In action? ...  (b) On field service? ...  (c) On duty? ...  (d) Off duty? ...</p>	<p><b>(Inaction) Yes.</b>  <b>(On duty) Yes</b>  <b>No</b></p>
<p>12. Was a Court of Inquiry held on the injury?  If so—(a) When? ...  (b) Where? ...  (c) Result? ...</p>	<p><b>No</b></p>
<p>13. Was an operation performed?</p>	<p><b>No</b></p>
<p>14. Was an operation advised and declined?</p>	<p><b>No</b></p>
<p>15. In cases of loss or decay of teeth. Is the loss of teeth the result of wounds, injury, or disease, directly *attributable to active service?</p>	<p><b>Not applicable</b></p>
<p>16. In the case only of men who served in South Africa between the 11th October, 1899, and 31st May, 1902. Did he receive any hospital treatment in South Africa during the South African War; if so, for what diseases, in what hospitals, and at what approximate dates?</p>	<p></p>
<p>17. Do you recommend—  (a) Discharge, as permanently unfit; or  (b) Change to England?</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p>

**(Sgd) A.E. DEHAVIN Capt.**  
*Medical Officer in charge of case.*

I have satisfied myself of the general accuracy of this report, and concur therewith, except†.

Station **Perham Downs**

**(Sgd) P. McIntyre Major**  
*Medical Officer in charge of Hospital.*

Date **12.9.17.**

\* Loss of teeth on, or immediately after, active service, should be attributed thereto, unless there is evidence that it is due to some other cause.

† Delete this word if no exceptions are to be made.

OPINION OF THE MEDICAL BOARD.

NOTE.—The answers to the following questions are to be filled in by the Board. As the object of these questions is, in the event of the man being invalided, to put the Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital in possession of the most reliable information based on the opinion of those best capable of judging, so as to guide them in deciding upon the man's claim to pension, clear and decisive answers should in all cases be given.

Expressions such as "may," "might," "probably," &c., should be avoided.

The rates of pension vary according to whether the disability is attributed to (a) ordinary military service, (b) active service, or (c) climate. It is therefore essential when assigning the cause of the disability to differentiate between them. See Articles 1085 and 1088, Pay Warrant 1909.

18. Is the disability the result of ordinary military service, active service, or climate? If so, to what specific conditions does the Board attribute it?

(In answering this question the Board should be careful to discriminate between disease resulting from military conditions, and disease to which the patient would have been equally liable in civil life. Enteric Fever, Dysentery, Malaria, &c., contracted when on service abroad are to be regarded as caused by ordinary military service, active service, or climate, as the case may be.)

Active Service.

Infection and exposure

19. Has the disability been aggravated by—

- (a) Intemperance? ... ..
- (b) Misconduct? ... ..

No  
No

20. Is the disability permanent? ... ..

Yes

21. If not permanent, what is its probable minimum duration?

(To be stated in months.)

Not applicable

22. To what extent is his capacity for earning a full livelihood in the general labour market lessened at present?

(In defining the extent of his inability to earn a livelihood, estimate it at  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ , or total incapacity.)

$\frac{1}{4}$  quarter

23. If an operation was advised and declined, was the refusal unreasonable?

Not applicable

24. Does the Board recommend—

- (a) Discharge, as permanently unfit; or
- (b) Change to England?

Finding:— Permanently unfit for general service and permanently unfit for home service

12.19.17. Col. GORDON  
Permanently unfit for all services.

Signature .....

(Sgd) P. McIntyre Major

President.

Station Parson Downs

(Sgd) A. DEWVIN Capt.

Members.

Date 12.9.17.

Approved—

Station Director Medical Services

(Sgd) J. ANDERSON Major for Surgeon  
Administrative Medical Officer.

Date A.I.F. Headquarters

General D.M.S. A.I.F.

9th 10.1917

D.E.B.

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ON LEAVING CORPS OR STATION WHERE INVALIDED.

Transfer or Embarkation. { Date .....  
 Station .....  
 Date 31.10.17.  
 Port Devenport.

Name of { Conveyance .....  
 Vessel A.35 H.M.A.T. Berrim.  
 Medical Officer Geo. A.C. Douglas.  
Major.

Brief remarks on case during transit and state on transfer for final disposal

Hearing defective. No discharge now, a little discharge early on voyage. Otherwise well. Class A.

Retransferred { Date 30.12.17.  
 Hospital or Station Melbourne.

Geo. A.C. Douglas, Mjr.  
Medical Officer.

AT STATION OR HOSPITAL WHERE FINALLY DISPOSED OF.

Station and Hospital No. 11 A.C.H. Arrived from "Berrim"  
 Date 30/12/17.

If admitted, Index No.	If under Treatment.		Disease.	How finally disposed of.	Date of Discharge, &c.
	From—	To—			
Date <u>30/12/17.</u>				<u>S.O.I.R.S.</u> <u>D.A.P.U.</u>	

Detailed statement as to condition on discharge, and whether as an invalid to corps, to station, or to depôt. In cases of discharge from the service it should be stated whether the answers to questions 20, 21, and 22 are concurred in

DRAP LEFT EAR DULL HEARING  
RT. EAR. Incapacity 1/2. Permanent Medical Referee Board No. 3  
Recommends discharge as permanently unfit. (Sgd.) J. J. Black, Lt-Col.  
J. P. Agnew, Capt.

CONFIRMED.

Date of final Medical Board or decision { 29.4.18.  
A. H. STURDIE, Col. A.A.M.C.  
3rd M.D. Principal Medical Officer.  
30.4.18.

DETAILED MEDICAL HISTORY  
OF INVALID.

Army Form B. 179.

Station .....  
 Corps .....  
 Regimental No. ....  
 Rank .....  
 Name .....  
 Disability .....  
 Date .....

Hospital or Station transferred to for final disposal }  
 Date of final disposal }  
 How finally disposed of }

The original Report is invariably to accompany the discharge documents of Invalids.

Original.  
Duplicate.

# APPLICATION TO ENLIST IN THE AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

To the Recruiting Officer

(OFFICIAL STAMP.)

at Town Hall Melbourne

I, Edward James Watt

hereby offer myself for Enlistment in the Australian Imperial Force for Active Service Abroad, and undertake to enlist in the manner prescribed, if I am accepted by the Military Authorities, within one month from date hereof.

POSTAL ADDRESS.  
11 Buckley St  
Essendon Victoria

Signature E J Watt  
Occupation Railway Employee  
Date 2/3/16

(For Identification purposes the above space should be filled in personally by the Applicant.)

## CONSENT OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS. (For Persons under 21 years of age.)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I approve of the above application, and consent to the enlistment of my <sup>son</sup> <sub>ward</sub> for Active Service Abroad.

Statement regarding Death or Absence of either or both Parents.

Father's Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
or  
Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## PERSONAL PARTICULARS.

Age— \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. | Height— \_\_\_\_\_ ft. \_\_\_\_\_ ins. | Chest Measurement (fully expanded)— \_\_\_\_\_ inches.  
Married. Widower. Single.

## PRELIMINARY MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

Decision of Medical Authority { FIT for Active Service.  
UNFIT, for the following reasons:—

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Medical Authority. \_\_\_\_\_

I Concur

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of M.O. at Central Recruiting Depot. \_\_\_\_\_

## CERTIFICATE OF RECRUITING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that I have this day provisionally ACCEPTED ~~REJECTED~~ this applicant for enlistment in the Australian Imperial Force.

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiting Officer. \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

D. 555/7.15.—C. 9097.

[OVER.]

**INSTRUCTIONS.**

(1) Application forms received by Recruiting Officers will not be handed back again to applicants, but will be passed direct to the Medical Practitioner, who will similarly return them to the Recruiting Officer, who will then forward them by post to the Officer in Charge of the Central Recruiting Depot to which recruits are instructed by them to report.

(2) If an Applicant who has been rejected desires a copy of this certificate, it must be completed in duplicate at the time of Medical Examination, and the word "original" or "duplicate," as the case may be, will appear on top of the respective forms. Both copies will be forwarded to the Officer in Charge of the Central Recruiting Depot, where the duplicate will be impressed with the official stamp and then returned to the Applicant.

(3) Copies will NOT be made of any certificates of acceptance. The word "Duplicate" will be struck out of such certificates, and they will be sent to the Officer in Charge of the Central Recruiting Depot by post.

(4) Names of accepted applicants who do not report at Central Recruiting Depot within the prescribed time will be forwarded to the local Recruiting Officer for information.

(5) When alternatives are shown on the front of the form such as :— 

Fit	Son	Married
Unfit	Ward	Widower
		Single

 Original Duplicate strike out the words which are not applicable.

(6) Only those persons who fulfil the requirements in all other respects will be examined regarding medical fitness. These requirements may be ascertained by reference to daily newspapers and official posters.

(7) The Central Recruiting Depot to which accepted applicants from various places will be sent for final medical examination will be determined by District Commandants. Recruiting Officers at outlying places will require to issue clear instructions to such applicants informing them where and when to report, and will forward the application forms in time to ensure that they will be in the hands of the Officer in Charge of the Central Recruiting Depot when the recruit reports for enlistment.

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Spaces for identification by means of handwriting.



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25-9-68

Deputy Commissioner,  
Repatriation Department

*Melloune*

SERVICE DOCUMENTS SUPPLIED

Your reference:

*to 33138 to 23 of 20 9 68*

Number:

*20112*

Rank:

*CPL*

Christian Names:

*E. J.*

Surname:

*Watt.*

The following documents are supplied:

Location if not held

Record of Service

*B103*

Medical Documents

Micro Films

X-Rays

Attestation Paper

Remarks:

Distr: Repat - 1  
PA/PD - 1

*B.S. Savage*

(B.S. SAVAGE)  
Colonel  
Officer in Charge

To  
 THE CHIEF PAYMASTER.  
 G.K. A 44771.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS,  
 A. I. F.

Non Effective Statement.

Reg. No. 20112. Rank Cpl. Name WATT. E.J. Unit 8th F.A.B.

Military District On Enlistment 3rd. Unit at Embarkation 8th F.A.B. Date of Embarkation 20.5.16.

TRANSFERS.	Date	Reference
NIL.		
PROMOTIONS, APPOINTMENTS and REVERSIONS.		
Promoted Bomdr. confirmed.	2.10.16	.B213.FR 1630.D032/ 801. 30.12.1
Promoted Temp Corporal.	28.12.16	.ER 7130.DO 1/E 13.1.17.
Promoted Bombardier (Prov.)	2.10.16	.C27/19.DO 22/1196 28.6.17.
FORFEITURES, - CRIMES, - V.D., - Etc.		
Promoted Corporal.	28.12.16	.DO 34/E 3123.1.9.17 L.R. 7142.
FORFEITURES, CRIMES, V.D. ETC.		
NIL.		
CAUSE OF BECOMING NON EFFECTIVE, WITH DATE OF CASUALTY.		
Returned to Australia per "A35" for DISCHARGE ( CAS DEAFNESS )	31.10.17	.L.R. 10272. DO 46 3E 12.11.17.

COMPILED FROM INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THIS OFFICE

ON THE 9.1.18.

Medical Report on an Invalid.

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Station 1st Command Depot Perth Down

Date 12.9.17

1. Unit 8 JAB 108 How. Bty. 5. Age last birthday 36  
 2. Regimental No. 20112 ✓  
 3. Rank Cpl ✓  
 4. Name WATT EDWARD JAMES ✓ 6. Enlisted { on March 1916  
 at Melbourne  
 7. Former Trade or Occupation { Electrician

8. Disability.

Deafness in left ear  
Dullness in hearing in right ear

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Statement of Case.

Note.—The answers to the following questions are to be filled in by the Officer in medical charge of the case. In answering them he will carefully discriminate between the man's unsupported statements and evidence recorded in his military and medical documents.—He will also carefully distinguish cases entirely due to venereal disease.

9. Date of origin of disability. February 1917  
 10. Place of origin of disability. Armentieres - France

11. Give concisely the essential facts of the history of the disability, noting entries on the Medical History Sheet bearing on the case.

Premature explosion in front killed him down  
caused a bleeding from the nose & mouth. Not evacuated.  
At Messines was shell-shocked by a gas shell  
bursting near him - about 20 feet away. was also gassed by  
same shell on night of 27 June 1917. was evacuated  
"gassed" to 2nd General Hospital - Birmingham.  
Left ear started discharging when trapped  
from 14/6/17 to 23/7/17.  
gradually became deaf in L ear which still  
discharges

12. (a) Give your opinion as to the causation of the disability.  
 (b) If you consider it to have been caused by active service, climate, or ordinary military service, explain the specific conditions to which you attribute it (See notes on page 3).

Injury to middle ear probably  
caused by concussion  
By active service - cause  
explosion of burning shell

13. What is his present condition?

Weight should be given in all cases when it is likely to afford evidence of the progress of the disability.

Report from Ear Specialist - Military Hospital - Darwin, No. 20112 - Rank Cpl - Name Watto S. J.

- 1. Disability Deafness left ear.
- 2. Hoarseness a. voice with difficulty normal speech (L) watch - R. ear - (L) 1 1/2 cells.
- 3. Cause Chronic suppurative otitis media
- 4. Treatment as prescription
- 5. Fitness for Service C<sup>II</sup> or C<sup>III</sup>

Note watch test a minute every 2-3 sec - R. ear - 1/2 p.c.

Signed H. M. Stanton  
Capt R.M. Specialist  
Ear Specialist Dept  
Mil Hosp Darwin

14. If the disability is an injury, was it caused

- (a) In action? *Yes*
- (b) On field service? *Yes*
- (c) On duty? *Yes*
- (d) Off duty? *-*

15. Was a Court of Inquiry held on the injury?

- If so—(a) When? *No*
- (b) Where? *No*
- (c) Opinion? *No*

16. Was an operation performed? If so, what?

*No*

17. If not, was an operation advised and declined?

*No*

18. In case of loss or decay of teeth. Is the loss of teeth the result of wounds, injury or disease, directly attributable to active service?

*Not applicable*

19. Do you recommend

- (a) Discharge as permanently unfit, or *(a) Yes*
- (b) Change to England?

*Alberran Capt*

Officer in medical charge of case.

I have satisfied myself of the general accuracy of this report, and concur therewith, except†

Station *Perham Station.*

*H. M. Stanton Major*

Date *12. 9. 17.*

Officer in charge of Hospital.

\* Loss of teeth on, or immediately after, active service, should be attributed thereto, unless there is evidence that it is due to some other cause.

† Delete this word if no exceptions are to be made.

## Opinion of the Medical Board.

Notes.—(i.) Clear and decisive answers to the following questions are to be carefully filled in by the Board, as, in the event of the man being invalided, it is essential that the Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital should be in possession of the most reliable information to enable them to decide upon the man's claim to pension.

(ii.) Expressions such as "may," "might," "probably," &c., should be avoided.

(iii.) The rates of pension vary directly according to whether the disability is attributed to (a) active service, (b) climate, or (c) ordinary military service. It is therefore essential when assigning the cause of the disability to differentiate between them (see Articles 1162 and 1165, Pay Warrant, 1913.)

(iv.) In answering question 20 the Board should be careful to discriminate between disease resulting from military conditions and disease to which the soldier would have been equally liable in civil life.

(v.) A disability is to be regarded as due to climate when it is caused by military service abroad in climates where there is a special liability to contract the disease.

20. (a) State whether the disability is the result of (i.) active service, (ii.) climate, or (iii.) ordinary military service.

*Active service.*

(b) If due to one of these causes, to what specific conditions do the Board attribute it?

*Infection & poison*

12-10-17.

21. Has the disability been aggravated by

- (a) Intemperance?
- (b) Misconduct?
- (c) Any of the conditions mentioned in question 20, and if so, which?

*No.*  
*Yes - Climate.*

22. Is the disability permanent?

*Yes -*

23. If not permanent, what is its probable minimum duration?

*Not applicable.*

To be stated in months.

24. To what extent is his capacity for earning a full livelihood in the general labour market lessened at present?

*1/4.*

In defining the extent of his inability to earn a livelihood, estimate it at  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ , or total incapacity.

24A. Is the man suffering from a disability which would obviously, as far as you can judge, cause him to be rejected by an Approved Society under the National Insurance Act?

*Not applicable.*

25. If an operation was advised and declined, was the refusal unreasonable?

26. Do the Board recommend

- (a) Discharge as permanently unfit, or
- (b) Change to England?

*Find: Permanently unfit for General Service & unfit for Home Service.*

Colonel Gordon.  
Permanently unfit for all services.

Signatures:—

*F. L. Chutey Major* President.

Station *Perham Down.*

*A. S. C. M. Capt* Members.

Date *12. 9. 17.*

Approved.

Station \_\_\_\_\_

*J. H. Hudson*  
Administrative Medical Officer.

Date \_\_\_\_\_



Major,  
for Surgeon General,  
D.M.S. A.I.F.

(On leaving Corps or Station where invalided.)

Transfer { Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 or Station \_\_\_\_\_ } Name of { Conveyance \_\_\_\_\_  
 Embarkation { Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Port \_\_\_\_\_ } { Vessel \_\_\_\_\_  
 { Officer in medical charge } \_\_\_\_\_

Brief remarks on case during transit, and state on transfer for final disposal.

Re-transferred { Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hospital or Station \_\_\_\_\_ } Officer in medical charge.

(At Station or Hospital where finally disposed of.)

Station and Hospital \_\_\_\_\_  
 Arrived from \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If admitted Date	If under treatment		Disease	How finally disposed of	Date of Discharge, &c.
	From	To			

Detailed statement as to condition on discharge, and whether discharged as an invalid, to corps, to station, or to depôt - In cases of discharge from the service it should be stated whether the answers to questions 22, 23 and 24 are concurred in.

Date of final Medical Board, or decision \_\_\_\_\_

Administrative Medical Officer.

Army Form B. 179.  
 MEDICAL REPORT ON AN  
 INVALID.

Station \_\_\_\_\_  
 Corps \_\_\_\_\_  
 Regimental No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Disability \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hospital or Station transferred to for final disposal \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of final disposal \_\_\_\_\_  
 How finally disposed of \_\_\_\_\_

The original Report is invariable to accompany the discharge documents of Invalids.

Arms, W. W. 1916/1917 300,000 12/16. D.D. & 1/1. Gen. 21.  
 Forms B. 179 37

20/5/16	emb, for A.S.A.	card
20/12/16	P/OS to France.	"
13/6/17	Tfd to Eng.	"
31/10/17	Left Engl for Aust.	sheet.
30/12/17	Reached Melb.	"
14/5/18	dis as M.U.	" card

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MEDICAL HISTORY of

Surname Watt Christian Name E. J. Edward James

TABLE I. GENERAL TABLE

Birthplace ... South Melbourne Vic

Examined ... { on 2<sup>o</sup> day of March 1916.  
 at Melbourne

Declared Age ... 25

Trade or Occupation ... Railway Employee

Height 50 ... 5 feet 6 inches.

Weight 110 ... 121 lbs.

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully Expanded 35 inches.  
 Range of Expansion 2 inches.

Physical Development and Pulse rate

Vaccination Marks { Arm Right. Left.  
 Number 1

When Vaccinated ...

Vision ... { R.E.—V=  
 L.E.—V=

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease {

(b) Slight defects, but not sufficient to cause rejection {

Approved by ... (Signature) Chas J. Labelberg  
 (Rank) Medical Officer. AMMC

Enlisted ... { at  
 on ... day of ... 19

Joined on Enlistment ...	Corps. <u>8th F.A Bde</u>	Regtl. No. <u>20112</u>
Transferred to ...		

Became non-effective by ... A.T.A. = 4471  
 on ... day of ... 19

(Signature)  
 (Rank)

**Part 1**

**Table II.—Only for Admissions to Hospital or to the**

Name of Hospital.	Admitted to Hospital.			Discharged from Hospital.			Disease.	Number of days in Hospital.
	Day.	Month.	Year.	Day.	Month.	Year.		
CLEARING HOSPITAL MARI BYRNONG								
Ay medic	23	5	16	25	5	16	Sea Sickness	3.

**Part 2**

**Sicklist in the case of Warrant Officers treated in Quarters.**

Remarks bearing on the Cause, Nature, or Treatment of the Case, likely to be of interest or of future use. In cases of Syphilis, admissions and re-admissions to hospital will be shown. If an accident, state whether it occurred on duty.

Signature of Medical Officer.

*No admission*

*J. B. ...*

**Table III.—Boards; Courts of Inquiry, Vaccination, Inoculations, &c.; Examinations for Transfer or Service Abroad, Extension, Re-engagement, or Prolongation of Service; Issue of Surgical Appliances; Particulars of Dental Treatment, &c.**

Date.	Brief Details, and Signature.	
12-5-16	1 <sup>st</sup> Inoculation	
16-5-16.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Inoculation	
29-5-16	Vaccination Successful	
	} F.W. Jay Capt	

**Table IV.—Service Table.**

Station.	Date of Arrival.	Date of Departure.	Station.	Date of Arrival.	Date of Departure.
<b>CLEARING HOSPITAL MARIBYRNONG</b>					

377 1/2

Died after Discharge

Transferred to

DISCHARGED SECTION

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 20112

Rank *Temp Corporal* Name *WATT E. J. "M.M."*

Unit *8th FA Bde.*

LIST.

Casualty *Gas poisoning* *8589 15259200* dated London 21.6.17

*3rd* Gassed Southern Base *Actual condition not stated admitted 14/6/17 to 1st*

*Returning to Australia from H.I. A 35 "Berrima" Emb. 3/10/17*  
*30.12.17 Retd Aust H.I. Berrima Deafness Disembd 3rd M.D.*

APPLICATION FOR WAR SERV. LEAVE GRATUITY PASSED  
FEB 13 1919  
A/c. No. *W. Watt*

Died 7.6.21 at No 11 A & H from Otitis media  
(Auth) Hospital Report from 11th A & H dated 7.6.21  
Cause of Death - (1) Otitis media (2) Cerebral Abscess  
(Auth) S.O. "A" & "Q" Branches 3rd M.D. dated 10.6.21

DATE	Form 105 received	PURPORT	REF. NO.
25 JUN 1917		N. O. K. Advised Wounded gas poisoning	
4.7.17		N. O. K. Advised in Hospital 14/6/17	
WW 28 1917		N. O. K. Advised Returning to Australia <i>Form 8 WAR</i>	
1/3/18		Medal received; Sent to Comd't. <i>2nd M.D.</i>	
14.5.18		DISCHARGED	<i>20112/19563</i>

WAR HISTORY INDEX



RETURNED BY 3RD P. O. 10, 5 239

11.6.21 copy made for War Pensions  
12 FEB 1924 VICTORY MEDAL to Mrs E. Wishart - widow deceased  
Registered Post No. 7185 G. P. O. Melbourne

MEMORIAL  
PLAQUE  
To  
Widow (re-married) Direct  
Mrs E. Wishart  
BR 11/313  
28-10-23

MEMORIAL  
SCROLL  
To  
Widow (re-married)  
Mrs E. Wishart  
BR 11/313  
28-10-23