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Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 9 819 Name Dawson G.W.  
Unit G.C. 1st Batt  
Joined on 15/8/14

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... .. 1. George William Dawson
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... .. 2. In the Parish of Shag Point in or  
near the Town of Palmerston North  
in the County of New Zealand
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... .. 3. Yes N.B.
4. What is your age? ... .. 4. Twenty three
5. What is your trade or calling? ... .. 5. Labourer
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. Yes
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... .. 8. Wife Mrs G. Dawson  
" Guyville "  
Wollongong NSW
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... .. 9. No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? ... .. 10. No
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge ... .. 11. 3 years in N. Zealand Volunteers  
full time
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 and widowers with children)—Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you either before or after embarkation during your term of service? ... .. 14. Yes

I, George William Dawson, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

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

Date 25/8/14.

G.W.D.  
Geo W Dawson  
Signature of person enlisted.

D.377/8.14.—C.10220. \*This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.



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 26/8/14.

H. G. Carter Lt  
Signature of Attesting Officer. *for*

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.\*

3, George William Dawson swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 18/8/14. 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.

G. W. Dawson  
Geo Dawson Geo W Dawson  
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Randwick in the State of New South Wales. this 25<sup>th</sup> day Tuesday of August 19 14, before me—

H. G. Carter Lt  
Signature of Attesting Officer. *for*

\*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.



**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 A.I.F. Squadron, } "D"  
 or } Troop, Battery }  
 CORPS } or Company }

Regtl. No. XI 319 Rank Private

Name DAWSON George William

Died { Date 2-5-15

{ Place Gallipoli Peninsula

{ Cause of Death \* Killed in action

Nature and Date of Report Court of Enquiry 11-1-16

By whom made C.O. 1st Battalion A.I.F.

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

Burial { Place Report not yet to hand

{ Date -

{ By whom reported -

State whether he leaves a will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) P.B. not yet to hand  
 (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 expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

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

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

Station and Date Alexandria 23-2-16



Description of George William Dawson on Enlistment.

Age <u>23</u> years ..... months	DISTINCTIVE MARKS.
Height <u>5</u> feet <u>7</u> inches	
Weight <u>10</u> lbs.	
Chest Measurement <u>34 1/2</u> <u>36 1/2</u> inches	
Complexion <u>Fair</u>	
Eyes <u>Blue</u>	
Hair <u>White</u>	
Religious Denomination <u>Methodist</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 ; pthisis ; syphilis ; impaired constitution ; defective intelligence ; defects of vision, voice, or hearing ; hernia ; hæmorrhoids ; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent ; marked varicocele with unusually pendent testicle ; inveterate cutaneous disease ; chronic ulcers ; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of having been marked with the letters D. or B.C. ; contracted or deformed chest ; abnormal curvature of spine ; or any other disease or physical defect calculated to unfit him for the duties of a soldier.

He can see the required distance with either eye ; his heart and lungs are healthy ; he has the free use of his joints and limbs ; and he declares he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for active service.

Date 28 8 14  
Place Randwick

A. P. Bull Capt. a. a. m. c.  
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 9<sup>th</sup> Company

Date 14 Sept 14  
Place Kennington

G. O. 1st. Batln. 1st. Inf. Bde. Aust. Imp. Force.  
G. O. 1st. Batln. 1st. Inf. Bde. Aust. Imp. Force.  
Commanding



CARD CHECKED

Entitled to 1914/15 Star *Blanchard*

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Statement of Service of No. *819*

Name *Dawson GW*

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
<i>1st BN A.I.F.</i>	<i>Posted as Private 18/8/15</i>			
	<i>Reported Missing 2/5/15 by C.O. Br. E/6<sup>th</sup> 683</i>			<i>Part 2. 15. 13/7/15</i>
	<i>Embarked at Malta by boat 2/5/15 Sea 643 <i>Dawson</i></i>			<i>Part 2. 876 20/7/15</i>
	<i>now declared killed in action 2/5/15 by court of enquiry held at Tel-el-Kebir on 11/11/15</i>			<i>Part 11, 2032 22/8/16</i>

Ref E. Reference

*84 B.H.*  
SUBJECT *missing*

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



*A Coy*  
*Explicit*

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# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

## Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. *819*

Name *Dawson G. W*

Unit *G Coy. 1st Batt*

Joined on *18/8/14*

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

- 1. What is your Name? ..... 1. *George William Dawson*
- 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ..... 2. In the Parish of *St. Peter* in or near the Town of *Palmerston South* in the County of *Tasmania*
- 3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ..... 3. *Yes. N.B.*
- 4. What is your age? ..... 4. *Twenty Three*
- 5. What is your trade or calling? ..... 5. *Labourer*
- 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. *Yes*
- 8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) .. 8. *Wife: Mrs G. Dawson, Kennys Hill, Hobart, Tasmania*
- 9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? .. 9. *No*
- 10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? ..... 10. *No*  
*3 years Tasmania Volunteer Full Time*
- 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. ....
- 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 and Widowers with children)—Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you either before or after embarkation during your term of service? ..... 14. *Yes*

I, *George William Dawson* ..... do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

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

Date *25/8/14* ..... *G. W. Dawson*  
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.



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 25/8/14

H. G. Carter  
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.\*

I, George William Dawson, swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 18/8/14 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.

Geo. W. Dawson  
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Mandurah in the State of New South Wales this 25<sup>th</sup> day Tuesday of August 1914, before me—

H. G. Carter  
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 G. W. Dawson on Enlistment.

Age 23 years ..... months  
Height 5 feet 7 inches.  
Weight 108 lbs.  
Chest Measurement 34 1/2 - 36 1/2 inches.  
Complexion Fair  
Eyes Blue  
Hair White  
Religious Denomination Methodist

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

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 28/8/14

Place Sandwich

*A. P. Webb, M.D., D.S.O.*

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 .....

1st Company

Date 14 Sept 1914

Place Kennington

*L. Dobbin*  
Lt. Col.

C. O. 1st. Bn. 1st. Inf. Bde. Aust. Imp. Force.  
Commanding

Statement of Service of No. .... Name .....

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	

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



C O P Y.

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1 A.I.F.

Dawson,  
Pte. G.W. No. 819

M. 2.5.15.

Soon after the landing at Anzac on the 25th April the above  
with others and Captain Douchane advanced to the extreme left  
to a position afterwards known as the Death Trap. The Turks  
came in between Douchane's and witness's party of men, com-  
pletely cutting them off and preventing any hope of retreat.  
Witness's opinion is that the above was killed, as few, if  
any prisoners were taken that day.

Witness - Sgt Mayes No 864,  
"Al Hayat"

A. Hordern  
Cairo, 23.2.16.

S.



E.G.

xxx 4780

11th May, 1923.

Dear Madam,

Your communication of the 4th May relative to pension matters in connexion with the late No. 819 Pte. G.W. Dawson, 1st Battalion, has been referred to the Deputy Commissioner, Department of Repatriation, Sydney, for attention and reply direct to you.

Should you change your address I should be glad if you would advise this office in order that the records may be brought up to date.

Under separate cover I have despatched a copy of the booklet "Graves of the Fallen".

Yours faithfully,



Captain,  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. A. G. Dawson,  
Kenny St.

WELLSINGTON, N.S.W.  
National Archives of Australia

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RECEIPT FOR VICTORY MEDAL.

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Army Headquarters, one Victory Medal in connexion with the late

No. 819 Private G. W. DAWSON, 1st Battalion.

(List No. 5.)

Signature

*Laura Dawson*

Date

*5. July 1922*

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




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Address Miss G. W. Dawson  
Renny Street  
Walongong



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RECEIPT FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUE.

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Army Head-quarters,  
one Memorial Plaque and King's Message in connexion with the late

No. 819 Private G.W. Dawson,

1st. Battalion.

Signature

*Mrs G. Dawson*

Date

*1<sup>st</sup> November 1921*

THE PLAQUE IS TO BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICER IN CHARGE, BASE RECORDS, VICTORIA BARRACKS, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA,  
WITHIN SEVEN (7) DAYS.



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**RECEIPT SLIP FOR MEMORIAL SCROLL.**

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records; Department of Defence, one Memorial Scroll and King's Message, in connexion with the late No. 819, Private, C.W.Dawson, 1st Battalion, A.I.F.



.....  
*Mrs J.W. Dawson*  
.....  
(Signature)

.....  
(Date) *1<sup>st</sup> July 1921*  
.....

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

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9 MAY 1921

DESPATCHED

Base Records Office,

Melbourne, 6th May 1921.

Mrs. G. Dawson,

Gunnville,

Wollongong, N.S.W.

Dear Madam,

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

the late No 819, Private

G. W. Dawson,

1st Battalion.

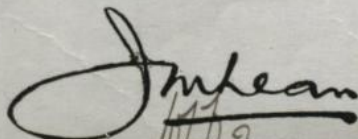
and, so that no possible source of information shall be overlooked, I shall be much obliged if you will let me have on loan any letters or communications that contain any reference to the circumstances surrounding his death, particularly the exact locality at which it occurred, or where he was last seen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

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

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

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,



MAJOR,

Officer in Charge Base Records.

C.5702.

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

(KINDLY SUBMIT YOUR REPLY HEREUNDER.)

(Place) .....

(Date) .....



1st Battalion A.I.F.

"P"

22 819

Private

DAWSON George William

2-5-15

Gallipoli Peninsula

Killed in action

Court of Enquiry 11-1-16

G.O. 1st Battalion A.I.F.

Report not yet to hand

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P.B. not yet to hand

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Major

Alexandria 23-2-16



30005455  
 1st Battalion A.I.F.  
 Casualty Form - Active Service.  
 819

Regimental No. 819  
 Enlisted (a) 18.8.14  
 Date of promotion to present rank }  
 Date of appointment to lance rank }  
 Re-engaged (i)  
 Name George William Ferguson  
 Rank Private  
 Regiment or Corps 1st Battalion A.I.F.  
 Terms of Service with War Service reckon from (a) 18.8.14  
 Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os. }

Report		Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received			
2.5.14	Discharged Missing	Gallipoli	2.5.14	D.O. 15/5/14
7/6.14	Returned in action	"	7/6/14	M.B.C. 21.2/18 21.6.14
				Hours of enquiry held at Del-el-Kebir 11/1/16. A.P. 29/189/1. S.O. 21/2092

227C38314 (23/2/16)



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

Report		Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received			

Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.



Embarked H.M.T. "Hinnevaske" ex Alexandria 5-4-16 to join M.E.F. Gallipoli Campaign, Army Form B. 103.

Casualty Form—Active Service. *819.*  
 1st BATTALION A.I.F.

Regimental No. 819 Rank Private Name DAWSON George William  
 Enlisted (a) 18-8-14 Terms of Service (a) War & 4 months service reckons from (a) 18-8-14.  
 Date of promotion } to lance rank } Numerical position on }  
 to present rank } roll of N.C.Os. }  
 Extended } Re-engaged } Qualification (i) }

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 413, 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				
2-5-16	C.O. Bn. B 213	Missing	Gallipoli	2-5-16	M.F.C. 5627/8 21-6-15 D.O. 15/583.
11-1-16	C.O. Bn.	Killed in action	"	"	Court of Enquiry held at Tel-el-Kebir 11-1-16. A.R. 29/139/1 M.F.C. 38314 23-2-16 D.O. 21/2032

Original sent A.I.F.H. 23-2-16

*Received*

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

Report		Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received			

Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.



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

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
VICTORIA BARRACKS,  
14th March 1918  
MELBOURNE.

MR

Dear Madam,

Forwarded herewith, per separate registered post, is one package containing personal effects of the late No 819 Private G.W. Dawson 1st Battalion ex "Marathon" as per inventory attached.

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

(Enclosure.)

Yours faithfully,

Registered Packet No. 227 G.P.O. Melbourne

J. M. LEAN, Major,

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

D. 182/18.17.-0.5409.

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MAIL RECORDS OFFICE  
CANBERRA

**Mrs. G. Dawson,  
Stewart Street,  
WOLLONGONG NSW.**

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**E.F.**  
**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

**KIT STORE.**



**110, GREYHOUND ROAD,  
FULHAM, LONDON,  
W. 6.**

Telephone:—HAMMERSMITH 1899.

Inventory of Effects of— The Late No 819. Pte Dawson, G. 1st Bty, <sup>attn</sup> A.I.F.

Forwarded to—

(Wife)

Mrs G. Dawson,  
Guynville,  
Wollongong,

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Effects.

Ex Kit Store. )  
Book.No 10. )

Card, Photo, Gift Tin, Testament,  
Fountain Pen, Curios, 6 Coins, Pipe.

**★ MARATHON ★**

No. of Package

D/S.

**17185**

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PROCEEDINGS of a COURT OF ENQUIRY  
 assembled at TEL-EL-KEBIR  
 on the 17th JANUARY 1916.  
 by order of Officer commanding 1st Battalion A. I. F.  
 for the purpose of recording an opinion as to the whereabouts  
of N. C. Os and men marked "Missing" on the Battalion Rolls.

PRESIDENT.

MAJOR H. G. CARTER

MEMBERS.

Lieut. D. THOMPSON

Lieut. H. W. BEAVIS

The COURT having assembled pursuant to order, proceed to examine the Battalion and Company Records and such witnesses as were found that could give any information. The Court ascertained that except in a few instances no further information could be obtained other than that already given. The Court considered it reasonable to suppose that those who were marked "MISSING" during the landing on the 25th April and the immediate operations following, have been KILLED IN ACTION and have recorded the opinion accordingly.

As regards those MISSING during the action at LONE PINE the Court thinks that there is little possibility of any of those men being alive yet it considers insufficient time has elapsed for a definite opinion to be recorded especially as private information was received in one instance of one of those missing being a prisoner in Constantinople.

The opinions of the Court as outlined above have been recorded opposite each name in the annexed schedule.

H. G. Carter, Major PRESIDENT

D. Thompson Lieut.) MEMBERS.  
 H. W. Beavis Lieut.)

Tel-el-Kebir  
 20th January 1916.

I ENDORSE THE FINDING OF THE COURT.

Jas. Heane Lieut-Col.  
 Commanding 1st Battalion.  
 A. I. F.

Tel-el-Kebir.  
 12th Feby 1916.

*N. 819 Pte G.W. Dawson*

*Killed in action 2/5/15*



C O P Y.

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1 A.I.F.

Dawson,  
Pte. G.W. No. 819

M. 2.5.15.

Soon after the landing at Anzac on the 25th April the above with others and Captain Douchane advanced to the extreme left to a position afterwards known as the Death Trap. The Turks came in between Douchane's and witness's party of men, completely cutting them off and preventing any hope of retreat. Witness's opinion is that the above was killed, as few, if any prisoners were taken that day.

Witness - Sgt Mayes No 864,  
" Al Hayat "

A. Hordern  
Cairo, 23.2.16.

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D 7495

Statement

No. 154

N.S.W.

1. Full name of Member of Forces in respect of whose death or incapacity pension was claimed ... ..	Dawson, G. W.:
2. Member's number, rank, and unit ... ..	819, Pte., 1st Batt.
3. Full name and address of person for whom pension was claimed ... ..	Dawson, E. R.:
4. Relationship of such person to Member of Forces ... ..	Child
5. Result of Claim ... ..	Pension of £13 p.a. amended to £1 p.f. from 16:3:16.
6. Name and address of Trustee (if any) ... ..	
1. Full name of Member of Forces in respect of whose death or incapacity pension was claimed ... ..	} as above
2. Member's number, rank, and unit ... ..	}
3. Full name and address of person for whom pension was claimed ... ..	Dawson, G. A.:
4. Relationship of such person to Member of Forces ... ..	Child
5. Result of Claim ... ..	Pension of £13 p.a. amended to 15/- p.f. from 16:3:16.
6. Name and address of Trustee (if any) ... ..	



Embarked H.M.T. "Minnewaska" ex Alexandria 5-4-15 to join M.E.F. Gallipoli Campaign  
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**Casualty Form - Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps 1st BATTALION A.I.F. 1819

Regimental No. 819 Rank Private Name DAWSON George William

Enlisted (a) 13-3-14 Terms of Service (a) War & 4 months Service reckons from (a) 13-9-14.

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

Extended } Re-engaged } Qualification (i) }

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	C.O. Bn. B 213	Missing	Gallipoli	2-5-15	M.F.C. 5627/8 D.O. 15/593.
11-1-16	C.O. Bn.	Killed in action	"	"	Court of Enquiry held at Tel-el-Kebir 11-1-16. A.R. 29/139/1 M.F.C. 38314 D.O. 21/2032

*Cyril S. Smith*  
 Major,  
 O.C. Australian Records Section,  
 3rd Echelon G.H.Q. M.E.F.

*John D.*

(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.

Report		Date	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents,
Date	From whom received				

Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.



D 7490

Statement No 91

T.S.W.

1. Full name of Member of Forces in respect of whose death or incapacity pension was claimed ... ..	Dawson, George William: (Missing)
2. Member's number, rank, and unit ... ..	819, Private, 1st Battalion.
3. Full name and address of person for whom pension was claimed ... ..	Dawson, Laura: Stewart St., Wollongong.
4. Relationship of such person to Member of Forces ... ..	Widow
5. Result of Claim ... ..	£52 p.a. granted from 16:3:16.
6. Name and address of Trustee (if any) ... ..	

Statement No. 100  
7/4/1916

New South Wales.

1. Full name of Member of Forces in respect of whose death or incapacity pension was claimed ... ..	Dawson, George William: (Missing)
2. Member's number, rank, and unit ...	819, Private, 1st Battalion.
3. Full name and address of person for whom pension was claimed ... ..	Dawson, Edith Rhoda: Stewart St., Wollongong.
4. Relationship of such person to Member of Forces ... ..	Child
5. Result of Claim ... ..	£13 p.a. granted from 16:3:16.
6. Name and address of Trustee (if any) ...	Dawson, Laura: as above
1. Full name of Member of Forces in respect of whose death or incapacity pension was claimed ... ..	} as above
2. Member's number, rank, and unit ...	}
3. Full name and address of person for whom pension was claimed ... ..	Dawson, George Alfred: as above
4. Relationship of such person to Member of Forces ... ..	Child
5. Result of Claim ... ..	£13 p.a. granted from 16:3:16.
6. Name and address of Trustee (if any) ...	Dawson, Laura: as above

missing



D A W S O N

George William

1st Bn.

Surname.

Other Names.

Regimental No.

Unit.

PURPORT.

AUTHORITY.

Embarked at *Sydney*..... per H.M.A.T. *A* ..... 19 *apric*..... on *18/10/14*.....

Pte.

*Report of young* ~~2/5/15~~ *By 60 Bn.*  
*Embarked at Malta for front 9.5.15*

*M.F.O. 15/15.*  
*1930.20.15*

*Para 826 Order No 20 DELETE and substitute 643 Dawson.G.W.*

*M.F.O. 13/1-16*

*2-5-15. Reported missing. by C.O. Bn.*

*M.F.O. 15/1-15.*

~~DELETED~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ ~~DELETED~~ Trans. to Dawson 643

*M.F.O. 20/1-16.*

AUTHORITY.

PURPORT.

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, DAWSON G W



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7 MAY 1936


S.C.1

Dear Madam,

With reference to your communication of 26th. April, 1936, addressed to the New Zealand Base Records Office, I have to advise that, according to the records held by this office, the late No. 819 Private G.W. Dawson, 1st. Battalion, A.I.F., enlisted at Randwick, New South Wales, on 25.8.1914, embarked for active service abroad, 18.10.1914, and was reported Killed in Action at Gallipoli on 2nd. May, 1915.

By virtue of his service in the above Force, Private Dawson qualified for the award of the 1914-15 Star (not V.C. as stated by the deceased's daughter), British War and Victory medals, which items were disposed of in favour of his widow, Mrs. Laura Dawson.

Yours faithfully,

  
(T. ROBINSON)

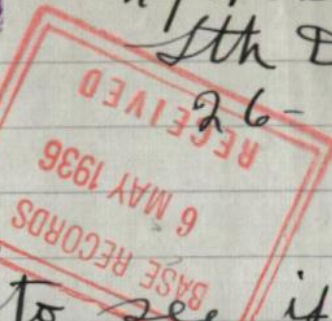
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. R. Head  
29 Wesley Street,  
SOUTH DUNEDIN, S.1,  
NEW ZEALAND.





29 Wesley St  
5th Dunedin



26-4-1936 112

Base Records

Sir

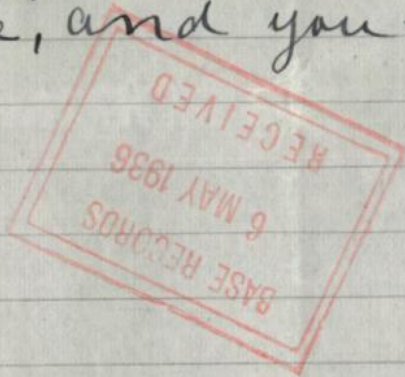
I am writing to see if you could give me any information of my Brother Pte G. W. Dawson 11 B.N. A.I.F. his no was 819.

This is a copy of a letter I recved from his daughter last week.

We do not know much about our father but we have 3 medales here one a V.C. has his number on the back it is 819 Pte G. W. Dawson 11 B.N. A.I.F. the other two have the same writing round the edge. One resembles an angel with a palm in its hand & the other a man on a horse with skull & cross bones at the horse's feet. I do not think anybody really knows much more about him or where he was killed



for the sake of his two children  
I would like very much to get  
any information I could, as I have  
always wanted to know some  
thing about my Brother.  
he was reported missing and  
then killed, if you could do any  
thing for me I would be  
grateful, as I have his son with  
me, and you ~~is~~ will oblige.



I remain yours  
Mrs R Head  
29 Wesley St  
Mt Dunedin  
S. I.

Director Base Records,  
MELBOURNE.

Referred. Mrs. Head has been notified accordingly.

  
O.I/C.N.Z.A.F. RECORDS.

29/4/36.

communications regimental  
rank, full name and unit  
of Soldier referred to, is to be stated.

ENC 7.

Mrs. G. Dawson,  
Stewart Street,  
Wollongong, N.S.W.

DESPATCHED

G. W. Dawson, 1st Battalion.

No. 819, Pte.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Base Records Office,  
Victoria Barracks,  
MELBOURNE.

18th April 1916.

Dear

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication  
of , and enclose herewith, as requested,  
certificate of report of death of the late

DESPATCHED

Yours faithfully,

J.F. LEAN, Captain.

Officer i/c Base Records.

D 7495

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, DAWSON G W



No. 819

Private George William Dawson,  
1st Battalion,  
1st Australian Division.

~~xxxxx~~ Court of Enquiry found "Killed in action"

Ballipoli

2nd May

15

Cable No. M.F.C.

38314, from the Officer Commanding Intermediate Base, dated  
Alexandria, 22nd February 1916, confirmed by Army Form B  
104-52, and Army Form B 2090A.

18th April

16

Captain.



7495

**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 A.I.F. Squadron, } "D"  
or } Troop, Battery }  
CORPS } or Company }

Regtl. No. 21 819 Rank Private

Name DAWSON George William

Died { Date 2-5-15

{ Place Gallipoli Peninsula

{ Cause of Death \* Killed in action

Nature and Date of Report Court of Enquiry 11-1-16

By whom made C.O. 1st Battalion A.I.F.

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

Burial { Place Report not yet to hand

{ Date -

{ By whom reported -

State whether he leaves a will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) P.B. not yet to hand

{ (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 expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

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

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

Station and Date Alexandria 23-2-16



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

D. 7495.

**DESPATCHED**

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Base Records Office,  
Victoria Barracks,

**DESPATCHED** Melbourne **23rd March 1916.**

Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of 18th inst., and to inform you that the necessary official confirming documents covering report of death of **No. 819, Private G. W. Dawson, 1st Battalion,** have not yet been received by this Department.

Your request, however, has been noted for compliance at the earliest possible date.

Mrs G. Dawson,  
Stewart Street,  
WOLLONGONG, N.S.W.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. LEAH,  
Captain  
Officer i/c Base Records,

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, DAWSON G W

DEFENCE  
D 7495  
BASE RECORDS

191495  
To Stuart-Strat  
Wollongong.  
18/3/16.  
The Hon  
Minister of Defence

Sir  
Would you oblige  
by sending certificate  
to certify the death  
of

Private  
G. W. Dawson  
No. 819. 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion  
G. Company.  
of Gwynville  
Wollongong  
From  
Mrs. G. Dawson.  
BR



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Transferred to

# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 819

WAR GRATUITY SCHEDULE 2/10/11

Rank Private Name G. W. Dawson

Unit 1st Battalion.

Casualty Missing from action, at the S. ar davelles  
U. F. C. 5629/610.

Misc. No. *21/16/15*  
*Previously reported missing now reported killed in action Court of Enq*  
*M.S.C. 35314/5267A Dated 27/7/16*

DATE.	REPORT.	REF. No.
	<b>A. F. B. 103 Received</b>	
26. 6. 15	2 P 1511 Military Commandant 2nd Div. advised	
24. 2. 16	M.C. 2 adv. killed	
29. 2. 16	<b>COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS</b>	
18. 3. 16	NOTE asking for D.Cent.	23/3
23. 3. 16	Reply sent letter 18/3/16	
20. 2. 15	<b>killed in action at Gallipoli</b>	<b>A. F. B. 2090A Received</b>
<b>CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF</b>		
Cable No. <i>M.S.C. 38314 Date 22/8/17</i>		
18. 4. 16	D.Cent fwd'd to N.O.H. 15. 18/2/16	
<i>Previously reported missing 2/15, now declared killed in action by Court of Enquiry held 27/7/16</i>		
<i>M.S.C. 35314/5267A Dated 27/7/16</i>		
3. 1. 17	Court of Enquiry page rec'd	BRM 13/1494
20. 11. 17	Court of inquiry proceedings received - B. R. M. 22/1443 Kin A	
13. 3. 18	<b>PERSONAL EFFECTS EX. <i>harakon</i></b>	<b>NOTICE</b>
Circular B.R.M. 46/1968 & Booklet re Graves despatched... 1. 12/19. <i>97 1 11/18</i>		
19. 3. 20	1914/15 Star Issued B.R.M. <i>43/1229/146</i> 2nd Comdt. M.D. B.R.M. 48/1100	

WAR HISTORY INDEX



**MEMORIAL SCROLL**

To  
Widow  
Mrs G. Dawson  
300187  
22/4/21



"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST."  
Pamphlet sent to Mrs G Dawson on 8/12/21

18/2/21

BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt J.D. M.D.B.R.M. 52/1700/227

3 JUL 1922

VICTORY MEDAL to widow B. R. P. F. 42

Registered Post No. 9109 G. P. O. Melbourne.

MEMORIAL  
PLAQUE  
To  
Widow. (Direct)  
Mrs G. Dawson  
300187  
21. 10. 21

24/10/21  
B

BBB.

REGISTER ORDER FORM despatched  
to Lone Pine Cem.