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AUSTRALIAN



MILITARY FORCES.

DECEASED

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

Name DOWNEY William
Unit 4 B Battalion
Joined on 27th January 1915

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- 1. What is your Name? William Downey
2. In the Parish of ... in or near the Town of Kiama
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? Natural Born
4. What is your age? 29
5. What is your trade or calling? Labourer
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? No
7. Are you married? No
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) Mrs Rae Armstrong (Sister) Constitution Road Dalwick Sydney
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 Kiama E Coy 2nd Regt
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 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? Yes

I, William Downey 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 three-fifths

Date 6/2/15 Signature of person enlisted. W Downey

* This clause to be amended where necessary and 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. Feb. 6th 1915

J Marshall Lieut
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

I, William Downey, swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 27th January 1915 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.

W Downey
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Liverpool in the State of New South Wales this sixth day Saturday of February 1915, before me—

J Marshall 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.

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 } 4TH. BATTALION Squadron,
or } AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE Troop, Battery }
CORPS } or Company }

Regtl. No. 1747 Rank Private

Name D O W N E Y William

Died { Date August 6th. 1915
Place Gallipoli Peninsula
Cause of Death KILLED IN ACTION

Nature and Date of Report Proceedings of a Court of Enquiry dated 22.4.16

By whom made COURT OF ENQUIRY

* 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 ----
Date ----
By whom reported ----

State whether he leaves a will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Pay book not yet to hand
(b) in Small Book (if at Base) No
(c) as a separate document No

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-Generals Office at the Base

Cyril S. Griffiths MAJOR

Station and Date Alexandria, 21.6.16

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Description of Downey William on Enlistment.

29 years 8 months
5 feet 4 3/4 inches
102 lbs.
Measurement 36 38 inches
Hair Fair
Eyes Blue
Complexion Brown
Religion Roman Catholic

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

None

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I have examined the above-named person, and find that he does not present any of the following conditions,

Scrofula; phthisis; syphilis; impaired constitution; defective intelligence; defects of vision, voice, or hearing; hæmorrhoids; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent; marked varicocele with unusually pendent testicle; moderate 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 joints and limbs; and he declares he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for active service.

Date 27. 1. 15
Place Sydney

A. M. Wall
Capt. R.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

4th Reiv. 4th Bn
Date 27/1/1915
Place Liverpool
A. L. Ritchie
Commanding Officer, 4th Bn, A.I.F.

CARD CHECKED

1914-15 Star.

Statement of Service of No. 1747 Name Downey Wm

| Unit in which served. | Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c. | Period of service in each rank. | | Remarks. |
|--|---|---------------------------------|-----|--|
| | | From— | To— | |
| 4 th Rein. 4 th Bn | <i>He</i> | 27/1/15 | | |
| TAKEN ON STRENGTH FROM 31/5/15 <i>PK 5940</i> 19/9/15. | Missing 6/9 8 15 B/10 th 7418 11-10-15 | | | |
| Entered from B.103 | Finding of Court. Killed in Action Court of Enquiry Gallipoli held at Mearbaux, France. 22-4-16. | 6-8-15. | | A.R. 29/142/1 D.O. 18/A1109. M.Y.C. 43037. of 13-6-16 |
| | Previously reported Missing 6/8/15 at Gallipoli Peninsular, now reported Killed in action 6/8/15. Finding of Court of Enquiry held at Mearbaux France 22/4/16 | | | <i>St. 18</i> <i>A1109 13/6/16</i> |
| | | | | <i>of R13-6. J.V.</i> <i>13-7 V.</i> Subject Missing |

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

J. L. Reilly Lieut.
O.C. 4th. Leinf. 4th. Batta. A I F.

AUSTRALIAN



MILITARY FORCES.

O.C. 4th. Reinf. 4th. Bn. ...

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 1747

Name Downey William

Unit 4th Reinf of the Bn.

Joined on 27th January 1915

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

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|--|--|
| 1. What is your Name? | 1. <u>William Downey</u> |
| 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? | 2. In the Parish of in or near the Town of <u>Kiama</u> in the County of |
| 3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) | 3. <u>Natural Born</u> |
| 4. What is your age? | 4. <u>29</u> |
| 5. What is your trade or calling? | 5. <u>Labourer</u> |
| 6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? | 6. <u>No.</u> |
| 7. Are you married? | 7. <u>No</u> |
| 8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) | 8. <u>(Sister) Mrs Rose Armstrong 100 Constitution Rd. Dalwich Hill Sydney.</u> |
| 9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? | 9. <u>No.</u> |
| 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. <u>No.</u> |
| 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. <u>Kiama E. Coy. 2nd Regt</u> |
| 12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? | 12. <u>Yes.</u> |
| 13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? | 13. <u>No.</u> |
| 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. <u>✓</u> |

I, William Downey..... 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 ~~three fifths~~

Date 6/2/15..... wife and children

W. Downey
Signature of person enlisted.

* This clause to be amended where necessary and 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... Feb 6th 1915

J. J. Marshall Lieut
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

I, William Downey, swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 27th January 1915 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.

W. Downey
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Liverpool in the State of New South Wales this sixth day Saturday of February 1915, before me—

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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 Downey William on Enlistment.

Age 29 years 8 months
 Height 5 feet 4 3/4 inches.
 Weight 102 lbs.
 Chest Measurement 36-38 inches.
 Complexion Fair
 Eyes Blue
 Hair Brown
 Religious Denomination RC

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

None

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 27-1-15

Place Asy. de. E. J.

A.P. Wall

Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

Capt. Adm. C.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to

Date

Place

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>Dr</i> | | | |

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

D.G.

3rd June, 1921.

Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your reply to my enquiry regarding the circumstances surrounding the regrettable loss of the late No.1747 Private W.Downey, 4th Battalion.

The Imperial War Graves Commission has sanctioned a continuance of the search and in the event of a more favorable report forthcoming you will at once be advised.

Your inquiry re gratuity has been passed to the District Finance Officer, Victoria Barracks, Sydney, for attention and reply direct to you. Financial matters do not come within the scope of this branch.

Yours faithfully,

Major,
Officer i/c Base Records.

(b)

Mrs. R. Armstrong,
100 Constitution Rd,
Dulwich Hill, N.S.W.

A.I.F. DEMOBILIZATION, 1919.

Application for Railway Tickets to proceed to Sydney to meet Soldier returning for Demobilization.

The New South Wales Government will issue free railway tickets (first-class) to enable the officially registered next of kin and one other relative (or near friend) to meet each soldier upon arrival in Sydney for demobilization.

This form should be filled in, signed by the applicant, and witnessed by a J.P., or Postmaster, or Schoolmaster, and then forwarded, without delay, to **THE N.S.W. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE, FURLOUGH BUREAU, RAWSON CHAMBERS, PITT STREET, SYDNEY.**

PARTICULARS OF SOLDIER.

| Regtl. No. | Rank. | Name. | Unit. |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | | |

PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT.

Name of Applicant.....
(Next-of-kin)
 Full Postal Address
 Name and Address of other }
 relative, or near friend, }
 requiring ticket. }

Tickets required from.....to Sydney and Return.

Ship by which Soldier is expected.....
Signature of Next-of-kin.....

Witness.....
(A J.P., or Postmaster, or Schoolmaster.)

NOTE.—The above-mentioned free tickets will be granted upon the distinct condition that no obligation nor responsibility, monetary nor otherwise, is undertaken by the Government in connection with the visit of the recipients to Sydney.

THE N.S.W. GOVERNMENT CANNOT SUPPLY ANY INFORMATION AS TO THE MOVEMENTS OF SHIPS, PROBABLE DATE OF ARRIVAL, &c.

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This Application MUST be accompanied by the Notice received from the Defence Department.

Letter dated 28/5/21 from Mrs R. Armstrong,
100 Constitution Rd, Dulwich Hill, re gratuity,
passed to D.F.O. 2nd M.D.

Letter dated 28/5/21 from Mrs R. Armstrong,
100 Constitution Rd, Dulwich Hill, re gratuity,
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A JUN 1921
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E.G. 3/6/21

National Archives of Australia

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This Application MUST be accompanied by the Notice received from the Defence Department.

A. I.

Application for

The New South Wales
of kin and one other relative

This form should be filled in
then forwarded, without delay, to
RAWSON CHAMBERS, P.

| Regtl. No. | Rank. |
|------------|-------|
| | |

Name of Applicant.....
(Next-of-kin)

Full Postal Address

Name and Address of other
relative, or near friend
requiring ticket.

Tickets required from.....

Ship by which Soldier is

Witness.....

(A J.P., or Postmaster, or

NOTE.—The above-mentioned
otherwise, is to be

THE N.S.W. GOVERNMENT

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Base Records Office,

Melbourne, 24th May 1921.

Mrs. R. Armstrong,

100 Constitution Rd.,

Dulwich Hill,

SYDNEY 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

your brother the Late No. 1747

Private W. Downey, 4th Btn.

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,

PA
26/5/21
J. McLean

MAJOR,

Officer in Charge Base Records.

100 Constitution Rd

To the Officer in Charge Base Records,

Victoria Barracks,

Melbourne.

Subscribed by
May 28th
1921

(KINDLY SUBMIT YOUR REPLY HEREUNDER.)

(Place)

Gene. Pine

(Date)

6th & 9 August 1916

I regret to state that I have no information in regards my brother. Officially a returned Soldier who was a male serving in the same Battalion & friends in civilian life told me that on 6th of August. They got the orders to charge the Turk & going over parapet of the Turkish trenches. my brother was caught by Bomb and believed blown to pieces. This is all I know.

Yours very sincerely R. Armstrong

BASE RECORDS
JUN 1 1921
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DECEASED SECTION
JUN 1 1921
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

25 MAY 1921

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Melbourne, 24th May, 1921.

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Yours faithfully,

J. McLean

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) _____

No information.
[Signature]
N/Ls.
24/6/21

W. Downey
100 Constitution Rd
Dulwich Hill
Aug 15th 1920.

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Dear Sir.

your letter I received dated
Aug 7th re. my late Brother to 1444 Private
W. Downey 14 Battalion. In references to
a nearer Blood relation than myself.

I regret to state that father and
mother are both dead. They died when
we were children. My eldest Brother
died in the november of the same year
that my younger Brother was reported
killed in action. there only remain myself
my Brother always lived with me.

Yours very sincerely
R. Armstrong

100 Constitution Rd
Dulwich Hill

Major J. M. Lean
Base Records Officer
Victoria Barracks
Melbourne

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Miss Blue

Casualty Form — Active Service.

Regiment of Corps *4th Reins 4th Battⁿ*

Rank *Private*

Name *DOWNEY, William*

Regimental No. *1747*

Enlisted (a) *27/1/15*

Terms of Service *duration of war*

Service reckons from (a) *27 Jan 1915*

Date of promotion to present rank

Date of appointment to lance rank

Numerical position on roll of N.C.O.s.

Extended

Re-engaged

Qualification (b)

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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1747

MFC 13/6/15



*A.R. 29/142/11
D/O. 18/A 1109
MFC. 63037 of 13/6/16*

(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, p.T.O.
(b) e.g., Signaller, Shoeing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

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

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE,
BASE RECORDS OFFICE.
VICTORIA BARRACKS,
MELBOURNE. 7th August, 1920.

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Dear Madam,

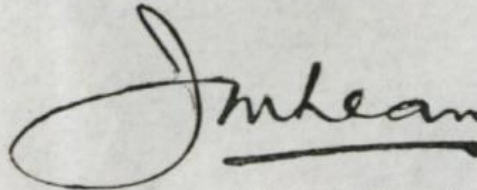
It is noted that you are registered on the records of the late No. 1747 Private W. Downey,

4th Battalion,

as next of kin, but, in order that our file may be brought up to date, it is desired to learn whether the above-named soldier had any nearer blood relations than yourself, for instance, are his father and mother living, if not, has he any brothers, (stating the eldest), or any sisters older than yourself (stating the eldest), xxxxxxxxxxxx still alive, if so I shall be much obliged for their names and addresses at your earliest convenience.

Thanking you in anticipation of the favour of an early reply.

Yours faithfully,

 Major.

Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. R. Armstrong,
Constitution Road,
Dulwich Hill,
SYDNEY N.S.W.

Don't forget to advise any change
of address to—
BASE RECORDS,
MELBOURNE.

B/Reply Mrs Blue

D U P L I C A T E

Casualty Form—Active Service.

1747

Regiment or Corps 4TH. BATTALION...A.I.F.

Regimental No. 1747 Rank Private Name D O W N E Y William

Enlisted (a) 27.1.15 Terms of Service (a) mes. after peace Service reckons from (a) 27.1.15

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

Extended Re-engaged Qualification (b)

| Report | | Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case. | Place | Date | Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents. |
|---------|--------------------|--|-----------|-------------------|--|
| Date | From whom received | | | | |
| 6.6.15 | C.O. Battln. | REINFORCEMENT Joined Battalion | Gallipoli | 31.5.15 | B. 213 |
| 14.8.15 | C.O. Battn. B. 213 | Missing | do | 6-9th August 1915 | B. 213 MFC. 13164/5 D/O. 208 |
| 22.4.16 | Court of Enquiry | Finding of Court-- KILLED IN ACTION Court of Enquiry held at Flairbox, France, 22.4.16 | do | 6.8.15 | A.R. 29/142/1 D/O. 18/A1109 MFC. 43037 of 13.6.16 |

[Signature]
 MAJOR
 OC. Australian Records Section,
 3rd. ECHERON...G.H.Q....E.E.F.

Original forwarded to A.I.F. headqrs. CAIRO. 21.6.16

(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, [P.T.O.]
(b) e.g. Signaller, Shoeing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

1747

Regiment or Comps **4TH. BATTALION...A.I.F.**

Regimental No. **1747** Rank **Private** Name **D O W N E Y** **William**

Enlisted (a) **27.1.15** Terms of Service (a) **now after peace** Service reckons from (a) **27.1.15**

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

Extended } Re-engaged } Qualification (b) }

| Report | | Place | Date | Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents. |
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| 14.8.15 | C.O. Battn. B.213 Missing | do | 6-9th August 1915 | B.213 MFC.13164/5 D/O.208 |
| 22.4.16 | Court of Enquiry Court of Enquiry held at Flairbex, France, 22.4.16 | do | 6.8.15 | A.R.29/142/1 B/O.18/A1109 MFC.43037 of 13.6.16 |

Col. S. S. Griffiths
 MAJOR
 OC. Australian Records Section,
 3rd. ECHELON...G.H.Q....E.E.F.

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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 } 4TH. BATTALION Squadron, Troop, Battery }
 or CORPS } AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE or Company }

Regtl. No. 1747 Rank Private

Name D O W N E Y William

Died { Date August 6th. 1916
 Place Gallipoli Peninsula
 Cause of Death * KILLED IN ACTION

Nature and Date of Report Proceedings of a Court of Enquiry dated 22.4.16

By whom made COURT OF ENQUIRY

* 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 ----
 Date ----
 By whom reported ----

State whether he leaves a will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Pay book not yet to hand
 (b) in Small Book (if at Base) No
 (c) as a separate document No

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 Cecil J. Griffiths MAJOR

Station and Date Alexandria, 21.6.16

WYH/GKS.
W.17443.

65169

14th June.

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Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 6th instant, concerning your brother, No. 1747 Private W. Downey, 4th Battalion, reported missing between 6th and 9th August last, and to inform you no further information has since come to hand.

Before any investigations can be made in the matter, it will be necessary for you to obtain from the soldier referred to, a Statutory Declaration in support of his statement that your brother was killed. Upon receipt of same inquiries will be instituted, and the result communicated to you in due course.

You are also informed that when a soldier is reported missing and cannot be satisfactorily accounted for, a Court of Inquiry is held at a later date to collect all evidence of the case and record an opinion as to whether it is reasonable to suppose the soldier is dead. It is not known here whether such Court has yet been held in the case of your brother.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. R. Armstrong,
"Roseville",
Constitution Road,
Dulwich Hill, N.S.W.

Major
Officer i/c Base Records.

McCarthy
8/6

17493 - 475110
C.B.
8/6

BASE RECORDS
48 - JUN 16M.
RECEIVED

Lawrie
Constitution RD.
Dulwich Hill
6/6/16.

Base records. 8-JUN-16

Dear Sir

Many months have now passed. Still no further news to hand. Concerning my Brother Private 1747, W. Downey 4th Battalion, A.I.F. who was officially reported (as missing) between the dates 6th & 9th August, 1915.

I'm not anxious about his whereabouts and should to have some news of him whether dead or living.

A returned wounded Soldier of his Battalion, informed me that my brother was killed would you please investigate this statement and reply to me at your earliest convenience.

Yours very sincerely
R. O. Armstrong

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105
48 - JUN 16M.

21758

15th October

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Dear Madam,

I am in receipt of your letter dated 6th inst., concerning your brother, No. 1747 Private W. Downey, 4th Battalion, who is reported as missing from action at the Dardanelles between the 6th and 9th August, and in reply regret to inform you no further particulars have been received, and with the exception of the names of 5 officers and 53 men, no complete list of members of the Australian Imperial Force, who were taken prisoner and are at present interned in Turkey, is yet available. The Turkish Authorities, however, have established a War Information Bureau at Constantinople and the American Ambassador is advising the Imperial Authorities of all obtainable information concerning prisoners, etc. Any particulars relating to Australians will be communicated to relatives immediately upon receipt.

The "missing" list, I am informed, is revised daily at Alexandria, and it is hoped the Department will be shortly in a position to afford you more definite information.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. R. Armstrong,
"Roseville",
Constitution Road,
Dulwich Hill, N.S.W.

Capt.
Officer i/c Base Records.

DEFENCE
W 17443
BASE RECORDS

W17443

11/10/15
M

Rossville.
Constitution Rd.
Dulwich Hill.
Oct. 6th 1915

The Minister of Defence.

Sir

I have been advised
that P.O. 1747 Private W. Downey ^{of the 4th} ^{regiment}
4th Battalion was missing between 6th & 9th
Aug having received no further news.
I would be very grateful if you could
let me know any further.

Yours sincerely
R. Armstrong

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FORMAL ACK
SENT 9/10/15

DEPARTMENT
RECEIVED
PMS - OCT. 15
OF DEFENCE

BASE RECORDS
11.10.15M.
RECEIVED

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|---|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <p>D O W N E Y Surname.</p> | <p>William Other Names.</p> | <p>I747 Regimental No.</p> | <p>4Bn 4/R Unit.</p> |
| <p>PURPORT.</p> | | <p>AUTHORITY.</p> | |
| <p>Embarked at Sydney on H.M.A.T. A9 "Shropshire" I7.3.15 Pte.</p> | | | |
| <p>Joined Battalion at Gallipoli 31/5/15</p> | | | |
| <p>MISSING AT GALLIPOLI Between 6/9th August 1915. MEF0 208/1 11/10/15</p> | | | |
| <p>22/4/16 Prev. Rep. Missing 6-9th August 1915, at Gallipoli Peninsula now rep. KILLED IN ACTION 6-9th/8/15. Finding of Court of Enquiry at Flairbax France.</p> | | | |
| <p>DP MEF0 18/1-16</p> | | | |
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PURPORT.

AUTHORITY.

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, DOWNEY W

ML.

RECEIPT FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUE.

I hereby acknowledge having received Memorial Plaque No. 302705

Roll. *Arms & Co*

Signature

W. Downey

Witness

1747. W. Downey 4/2/22

Date 11 JAN 1922

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National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, DOWNNEY W

When both these forms are used

Court of Inquiry held 22/4/16 at FLAIRBAIX inquiring

Downey

re No. 1747 Private ~~Downey~~ W.

of the 4th Battalion previously reported missing.

Court of Inquiry proceedings filed in C.R. 1318/6/9

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, DOWNEY W



4TH. BATTALION
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

1747 Private

D O W N E Y William

August 6th. 1916

Gallipoli Peninsula

KILLED IN ACTION

Proceedings of a Court of Enquiry dated 22.4.16

COURT OF ENQUIRY

Pay book not yet to hand

No

No

MAJOR

Alexandria, 21.6.16

W

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WAR GRATUITY SCHEDULE

Transferred to

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 1/47

Rank Private

Name

Downey W

Unit

4th Battalion

Casualty

6/9 August/15

Missing

MFC 13165/1898

27/8/15 D

Misc. No.

Previously Reported missing, now Reported killed

1/0

in Action 6-9 Aug 15

MFC 43034/6360 B 13-6-16

DATE

R 15 A.F. B. 103 Received

PURPORT.

REF. No.

4 9 15

In b 2 advised BR 14238

6. 10. 15

NOK asking further news re above 12/10.

13 10 15

Reply sent to letter dated 6. 10/15.

16. 4 16

M. O. 2. Advised killed 6-9/8/15

20-6-16

COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS

6. 8. 15

Court of Enquiry found "Killed in action at Gallipoli"

A.F. B. 2090A Received

No personal effects in kit, B.P. M. No. 20/1115

Regular D.R.M. 46,1968 & Booklet re Graves despatched

Received & acknowledged by printed card 6/20/16

20/8/20

1914/1915 Star issued B.R.M. 43/1229

To Comdt M.D. B.R.M. 51/543

4/14/14

10489

"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST."
Brochure sent to Mr R. Armstrong on 27. 7. 21

MEMORIAL SCROLL

To Scobie

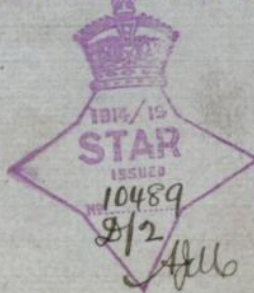
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28. 7. 21

HISTORY INDEX
15/7/21

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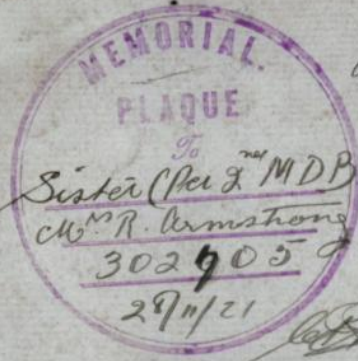
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VICTORY MEDAL to
Registered Post No.

Sister
6305

B. R. P. F. 42.
Mrs. R. Armstrong.
G. P. O. Melbourne.



L. 2/12/21

11/2/21

REGISTER ORDER FORM despatched

to Lone Pine Coem.