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MILITARY FORCES

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. *2nd Lieut* Name *Finlayson* *R. B. Berry*
 Unit *16 RFL / Batta*
 Joined on *29 10 15*

Indicted

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? *Ronald Berry Finlayson*
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? *Wollongong*
in the County of *Cumberland*
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) *British Born Subject*
4. What is your age? *22 years 7 mths*
5. What is your trade or calling? *Bank officer*
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) *Father Robert Finlayson "Lightcliffe" Wollongong N.S.W.*
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 Incorrigible and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? *no*
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge *1st Lieut Senior cadet 1st Battalion Woodloose*
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. 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*

I, *Ronald Berry Finlayson* 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 $\frac{2}{5}$ of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife $\frac{3}{5}$ wife and children

Date *15 Nov 1915* Signature of person enlisted *R. B. Finlayson*

*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 15 Nov. 1915

R. O. Kirkland
(Sign) Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

I, Ronald Berry Finlayson swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from this date 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.

R. B. Finlayson (Sign)
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Liverpool in the State of New South Wales this fifteenth day November of 1915, before me—

R. O. Kirkland
(Sign) 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 R B Finlayson on Enlistment.

Age 25 years 7 months.
 Height 5 feet 7 1/2 inches.
 Weight 140 lbs.
 Chest Measurement 37 inches.
 Complexion Dark
 Eyes Grey Good
 Hair Brown
 Religious Denomination Presbyterian

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 29. 10. 15

Place Lynsey

H. J. also
 Signature of Examining Medical Officer.
 (Sign)

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

Boy 1st Batt.

Date Feb. 11. 1916

Place

A. W. Barronage (Sign)
 Commanding 1st Batt.

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Statement of Service of No. *Luce* *Lieut* Name *Finlayson R.B.*

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
<i>Depot School</i> <i>Cooy 1st Batta</i> <i>16/1 Batta</i>		<i>1. 2. 16.</i>	<i>31. 1. 16.</i>	

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

16th / 15th Bn
AUSTRALIAN



MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 2nd Lieut

Name FINLAYSON R. B.
Unit
Joined on 29 10 15

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... Ronald Berry Finlayson
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... Cumberland in or near the Town of Wollongong in the County of Cumberland
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... British born subject
4. What is your age? ... 23 years 7 mos
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Bank Officer
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) ... Robt. Finlayson
Lightcliff
Wollongong
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 ... 25th Battalion
Geno. Baden
Wollongong
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. 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 smallpox and enteric fever? ... Yes

I, Ronald Berry Finlayson 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 15th Nov. 1915

R. B. Finlayson
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 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... 15th Nov. 1915

R. Kirkland

Signature of Attesting Officer

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

I, *Ronald Berry Finlayson*, swear that I will well and serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from *this date* 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.

R. Finlayson

Signature of Person Enlisted

Taken and subscribed at *Liverpool* in the State of *New South Wales* this *fifteenth* day *November* of *1915*, before me—

R. Kirkland

Signature of Attesting Officer.

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

on of R. B. Finlayson on Enlistment.

5- 5 years 7 months
 5 feet 7 1/2 9/4 inches.
 140 lbs.
 Height 37 inches.
 Dark
 Grey
 Brown
 Denomination Presp

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,
 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;
 late cutaneous disease; chronic ulcers; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of having been marked
 with letters D. or B.C.; contracted or deformed chest, abnormal curvature of spine; or any other disease or
 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 hands and limbs; and he declares he is not subject to fits of any description.
 I therefore consider him fit for active service.

 29. 10. 15.
 Sydney

 H. J. Alsop
 Signature of Examining Medical Officer.
 Capt Adams

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 B Coy.,
 1st Battalion.

 FEB 11 1918

 J. W. Larnach
 Commanding 1st Battalion

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16th / 1st Bn
MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

OFFICER

Z 1236

Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. *Z 1236*

Name *Finlayson R.B.*

Unit

Joined on *29.10.15*

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. What is your Name? | 1. <i>Ronald Bony Finlayson</i> |
| 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? | 2. In the Parish of <i>Woolloongong</i> in or near the Town of <i>Woolloongong</i> in the County of <i>New South Wales</i> |
| 3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) | 3. <i>British Born</i> |
| 4. What is your age? | 4. <i>25 yrs 4 mths</i> |
| 5. What is your trade or calling? | 5. <i>Bank Officer</i> |
| 6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? | 6. <i>no</i> |
| 7. Are you married? | 7. <i>no</i> |
| 8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) | 8. <i>no</i> |
| 9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? | 9. <i>no</i> |
| 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. <i>no</i> |
| 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. <i>25 Battalion Senior Cadets Woolloongong</i> |
| 12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? | 12. <i>yes</i> |
| 13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? | 13. <i>no</i> |
| 14. 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. <i>yes</i> |
| 15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? | 15. <i>yes</i> |

I, *Ronald Bony Finlayson* 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 *15th Nov 1915*

R B Finlayson
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... 15th Nov 1915...

..... R. G. Kirkland
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

I, Ronald Berry Finlayson swear that I will well and truly
serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from this date
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.

Signed R. B. Finlayson
Signature of Person Enlisted

Taken and subscribed at Liverpool in
the State of New South Wales
this fifteenth day November of
..... 1915, before me—

Signed R. G. Kirkland
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 Ronald Bony Finlayson on Enlistment.

Age 25 years 7 months
Height 5 feet 9 1/2 inches
Weight 140 lbs.
Chest Measurement 37 inches
Complexion Fair
Eyes Grey Good
Hair Brown
Religious Denomination Presp.

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 29-10-15

Place Sydney

L. J. Alsop
Signature of Examining Medical Officer.
Capit A. A. M. 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 FEB 11 1916

Place

W. P. ...
Commanding 1st Batt.



Dead

Application for a Commission in the Aust. Imperial Expeditionary Forces.

No.	Particulars.	
1.	Surname ... } Other names (in full) }	FINLAYSON RONALD BERRY
2.	Educational Qualifications ... <small>(Certificate to be attached for notation at District Head-quarters.)</small>	<i>Educated by Denham School, Passed Junior University, Chamber of Commerce and Bankers Institute Examination.</i>
3.	Military Qualifications (previous Military Service, if any, to be stated) <small>(Attention is directed to third sub-para. of C.M. Regulation 66. Present rank and corps to be stated.)</small>	<i>held Commission for three years in 25th Batt. Senior Grade. Attached to 26th Infantry for Camp.</i>
4.	Date on which applicant qualified at a competitive examination for first appointment as 2nd Lieutenant (U.T. Regulation 132) ...	✓
5.	Present Civil Employment ...	<i>Bank Officer. Insp. Office Bank of N.S.W.</i>
6.	Date of Birth and Age ... <small>(Certificate of Birth or Statutory Declaration to be attached for notation at District Head-quarters.)</small>	Date of Birth: <i>6th March 1890</i> Age: <i>35 Years. 9 Months.</i>
7.	If a British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject ... <small>(In the case of the latter, date and place of Naturalization to be stated.)</small>	<i>British subject.</i>
8.	Married or Single ...	<i>Single.</i>
9.	Postal Address ...	<i>Lightcliffe Wollongong.</i>
10.	Next of Kin ...	<i>Father - Robt. Finlayson</i>

Date 4/1/16 (Signature of Applicant) *R.F. Finlayson*

NOTE.—Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces are required to attach a satisfactory certificate of moral character, or, if they are serving in the Permanent or Citizen Forces, to be recommended by their Commanding Officer. They are also to state on the back of this form the subjects in which they desire to be examined in Part II., and where exemptions are claimed for educational subjects, the authority for same is to be stated, and where necessary to be supported by certificate.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

In the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces, Proceedings of Medical Board, in accordance with instructions contained in "Standing Orders for the Army Medical Services," will be substituted for this Certificate; such Board, however, will not be assembled until after the nomination of the Candidate to undergo examination has been approved by the Military Board of Administration.

I, *J.H. Cairns* do hereby certify to the correctness of the following particulars respecting the above-named applicant. I further certify that the applicant is not ruptured, has not been operated on for Hernia, and is capable of bearing the fatigue incident to the performance of military duty.

Height *57.9 1/2"* Weight *147 lbs.*
Chest Measurement *31.26* Eyesight *6/6*

Signature of the Examining Medical Officer *J.H. Cairns*

RECOMMENDATION AND CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER
(Not required in the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces)

I recommend that the candidate above-named be appointed a ... in the Corps under my command, and I certify:—

1. That such appointment will be within the authorized establishment for the current year.
2. †(a) That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 33 have been fully complied with, or †(b) That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 132 have been fully complied with.

(c) That all candidates higher in order of merit, by competitive examination, have been absorbed.

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

Date _____ Commanding _____ Regt. or Corps.

RECOMMENDATION OF DISTRICT COMMANDANT
Recommended, Candidate considered suitable

Date _____ Commandant 2nd Military District.

† Sub-paras. not applicable to be struck out.

N.B.—Record of War Service (if any) to be shown on back of Form.

Seniority of Candidates as determined by competitive examination to be stated when two or more applications are forwarded on the same date.

Australian



Military Forces

C.M. Form A. 22 (Revised 1.1.14)

A. I. E. Forces

Application for a Commission in the

No.	Particulars.	
1.	Surname ... Other names (in full) ...	FINLAYSON. RONALD BERRY.
2.	Educational Qualifications ... <small>(Certificate to be attached for notation at District Head-quarters.)</small>	Educated at Sydney Grammar School. Found Junior University, Chamber of Commerce & Banking Institute Examination.
3.	Military Qualifications (previous Military Service, if any, to be stated) <small>(Attention is directed to third sub-para. of C.M. Regulation 66. Present rank and corps to be stated.)</small>	Hold Commission 15B Senior Cadets found in 1913. Attached to 26th Infantry for Camp etc.
4.	Date on which applicant qualified at a competitive examination for first appointment as 2nd Lieutenant (U.T. Regulation 132) ...	✓
5.	Present Civil Employment ...	Bank Officer, Bank of N. S. Wales, Sydney.
6.	Date of Birth and Age ... <small>(Certificate of Birth or Statutory Declaration to be attached for notation at District Head-quarters.)</small>	Date of Birth: 6th Mar. 1890. Age: 35 Years, 11 Months.
7.	If a British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject ... <small>(In the case of the latter, date and place of Naturalization to be stated.)</small>	British Subject
8.	Married or Single ...	Single
9.	Postal Address ...	Highcliffe Wollongong * Battalion Area
10.	Next of Kin ...	Father. Robt. Finlayson Highcliffe Wollongong

Religion: Presbyterion

GAZETTED
C. of A. GAZETTE.
No. 42 of 17/2/16

Date 27th February 1916. (Signature of Applicant) *R. B. Finlayson*

NOTE.—Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces are required to attach a satisfactory certificate of moral character, or, if they are serving in the Permanent or Citizen Forces, to be recommended by their Commanding Officer. They are also to state on the back of this form the subjects in which they desire to be examined in Part II., and where exemptions are claimed for educational subjects, the authority for same is to be stated, and where necessary to be supported by certificate.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

In the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces, Proceedings of Medical Board, in accordance with instructions contained in "Standing Orders for the Army Medical Services," will be substituted for this Certificate; such Board, however, will not be assembled until after the nomination of the Candidate to undergo examination has been approved by the Military Board of Administration.

I, *J. H. McAfee* do hereby certify to the correctness of the following particulars respecting the above-named applicant. I further certify that the applicant is not ruptured, has not been operated on for Hernia, and is capable of bearing the fatigue incident to the performance of military duty.

Height *5ft 9 1/2 in* Weight *140 lb.*
Chest Measurement *31. 3/6* Eyesight *OK.*

Signature of the Examining Medical Officer *J. H. McAfee (Capt)*

RECOMMENDATION AND CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER

(Not required in the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces)

I recommend that the candidate above-named be appointed a *2nd Lieut* in the Corps under my command, and I certify:—

- That such appointment will be within the authorized establishment for the current year.
- That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 33 have been fully complied with, or
- That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 132 have been fully complied with.
- That all candidates higher in order of merit, by competitive examination, have been absorbed.

On appointment the candidate will be posted to *16th Rpts Wagon* Squadron, Battery, or Coy., &c.

Date Commanding Regt. or Corps.

RECOMMENDATION OF DISTRICT COMMANDANT

Recommended, Candidate considered suitable

Date Commandant 2nd Military District.

† Sub-para. not applicable to be struck out.
N.B.—Record of War Service (if any) to be shown on back of Form.
Seniority of Candidates as determined by competitive examination to be stated when two or more applications are forwarded on the same date. NAA: B2455, FINLAYSON R B

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps *1st Bn A.S.F. (16 Feb)*
 Rank *Lieut* Name *Finlayson Ronald Berry*

Regimental No. _____ Enlisted (a) _____ Terms of Service (a) _____ Service reckons from (a) _____
 Date of promotion to present rank } Date of appointment to lance rank } Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os. }
 Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (i) _____

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, &c 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				
14/5/16	HT "Reservist"	Disembarked at	Algeria	14/5/16	D 5000
20/5/16	HT "Jeremia"	Enthd for Overseas	Alexandria	20/5/16	A.P. 7994 } AC 1289. } D 056/6033
23/5/16	Do.	Disembarked at	Marseilles	26/5/16	LR 5813
29/5/16	144 Aust Div Base Depot	Reported ex "Jeremia"	Cheples	29/5/16	A.C. 1083.
23/16	Do.	Proceeded to join 1 st Bn	France.	27/6/16	A.C. 1550. }
30/6/16	B. V. Div Base Depot	Taken on strength of Bn	do.	23-6-16	A.G. 770 }
16/8/16	144 Aust Div Base Depot	Transferred to strength of Bn	do.	18/16	A.K. 121/147
18/8/16	144 Aust Div Base Depot	Transferred to strength of Bn	France	1/8/16	A.O. 40947
19/8/16	144 Aust Div Base Depot	Transferred to strength of Bn	In the Field	30/8/16	Do 2078235
19/8/16	144 Aust Div Base Depot	Promoted to Lieutenant	do.	5/11/16	A.R. 10223
19/8/16	144 Aust Div Base Depot	Missing in Action	do.	5/11/16	A.R. 10223

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

NATIONAL ARCHIVES REF: B2465 FINLAYSON RB

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				
11	1/12/16 COTSM B 213	Placed on the deceased LIST	In the Field	5/1/16	A.K. 440/68 11E LIST No. 716 - 24/1/16 D 998/10298 12/11902
12	9/3/17 do.	Rep. missing in strength off strength	do	9/3/17	997 Rev 146. A 6/10 now M
13	20.4.17 A.I.F. list 166.	Reports Missing, is struck off strength (This cancels notification regarding this officer published in A.I.F. list 146)	do	5.2.17	A.K 1021/85. B 113 A 6/17. 27/4/17.
14	20/6/17 COY HQ	Pronounced by Court of Enquiry held at Launceston on 13/6/17, files in action.	do	5/11/16	ALB 2287 27/6/17 Aus 19/403/3 No. 49/4597
Original Copies to Administrative Headquarters, S.P.M. and Defence, Melbourne on 17/7/17					Officer i/c. Records. Captain.

Army Form B. 103

Regimental Number.....

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps... 1st Battalion, A.I.F. (16th Rfts.)

FINLAYSON

Ronald Berry

Rank... Lieut. Surname... FINLAYSON

Christian Name... Age on Enlistment... years... months

Terms of Service (a)..... Service reckons from (a).....

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

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

or Corps Trade and Rate.....

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

Date	Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, & discharges as entered 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
	From whom received					
14.5.16.	H.T. "Nestor"		Embarked ...	Port Said	14.5.16.	D. 8080
20.5.16.	H.T. "Ivernia"		Disembarked at	Alexandria	20.5.16.	A.P. 7994, AC1289
26.5.16.	do		Embkd. for Overseas	Marseilles	26.5.16.	L.R. 5613
29.5.16.	1st Aust.DED.		Disembarked at	Etaples	29.5.16.	A.C. 1083
23.6.16.	do		Reported ex "Ivernia"	France	22.6.16.	A.C. 1550.
30.6.16.	C.O. En.B213.		Proceeded to join 1st Bn.	do	23.6.16.	AQ. 770.
			Taken on strength of Bn.			AQ. 835.
			as Supt. to establishment			D.O. 59/6230
9.8.16.	1st Anzac		Absorbed on strength of	do	1.8.16.	A.K. 121/47.
			1st Battn. A.I.F.			Hist. of Appts. etc No. 75.
25.8.16.	C.O. 1st Bn. B.213.		Absorbed on the strength of	do	1.8.16.	AQ. 4094, AIF. List No. 75 of 9.8.16.
			1st Bn. from reinforcements			B.O. 75/3235.

(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.O. 75/3235.

(b) Signaller, Shoeing-Smith, &c. (4238) W. 1365/1477 2-400,000 1/17

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Date	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
	From whom received					
15.9.16.	C.O. 1st Bn. B. 213.	Promoted to Lieutenant	In the Field	30.8.16.	Authority A.I.F. List of Appts. No. 57 G.9.16. AK/327/47 AQ.6101, DO.79/8556	
10.11.16.	do	Missing in action	do	5.11.16.	AQ.10328, ARS.1512 18.11.16. DO.93/97 CIRL. 688	
1.12.16.	do	Placed on the Seconded List	do	5.11.16.	AK.440/68. AIF List No. 116.85 DO.98/10298. AQ.1190	
9.3.17.	do	Reptd. Missing is struck off strength	do	9.2.17.	A.I.F. List 146. A/6/10	
20.4.17.	A.I.F. List 166.	Reptd. Missing, is struck off strength (This cancels notification regarding this Officer published in A.I.F. List 146.	do	5.2.17.	A.K. 1034/85. B.213, A 6/17. 27.4.17.	
20.6.17. 13/6/17.	C.O. 1st Bn. Court of Enquiry.	Pronounced by Court of Inquiry held at Lavieville on 13.6.17. KILLED IN ACTION	do FRANCE.	5.11.16.	ARS. 2287, 27.6.17. Aus. 19/403/3. D.O. 49/4597	
		<i>Hevan</i> Captain, Officer i/c Records.				
ANZAC	SECTION, 3rd British Expeditionary Force.					

Army Form B. 103

Regimental Number.....

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps...1st. Battalion, A.I.F. (16th. Rfts.)

Rank...Lieut. Surname...FINLAYSON

Christian Name...RONALD BERRY

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

Enlisted (a)..... Terms of Service (a)..... Service reckons from (a).....

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

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

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

Date	Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c. during active service, as reported on Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents
	From whom received					
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20.5.16.	H.T. "Ivernia"		Disembarked...	Port Said	14.5.16.	D. 8080
26.5.16.	do			Alexandria	20.5.16.	A.P. 7994, AC1289 D.O. 56/6033
29.5.16.	1st Aust. DEB.		Disembarked at	Marseilles	26.5.16.	L.R. 5613
23.6.16.	do		Reported ex "Ivernia"	Etaples	29.5.16.	A.C. 1083
30.6.16.	C.O. Bn. B213.		Proceeded to join 1st Bn.	France	22.6.16.	A.C. 1550. AQ. 770.
			Taken on strength of Bn.	do	23.6.16.	AQ. 835.
			as Supy. to establishment			D.O. 59/6230
9.8.16.	1st Anzac		Absorbed on strength of	do	1.8.16.	A.K. 121/47.
			1st Battn. A.I.F.			Hist of Appts. etc No. 75.
25.8.16.	C.O. 1st Bn. B.213.		Absorbed on the strength of	do	1.8.16.	AQ. 4094, AIF L1st No. 75 of 8-8-16.
			1st Bn. from reinforcements			No. 75 of 8-8-16. B.O. 75/8559

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(b) Signaller, Signalling-Saith, &c.

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10.11.16.	do	Missing in action	do	5.11.16.	AQ. 10328, ARS. 1512, 18.11.16. DO. 93/9872 CIBL. 688	
1.12.16.	do	Placed on the Seconded List	do	5.11.16.	AK. 440/68. AIF List No. 116. 25.11.16 Do: 96/10298. AQ. 11902	
9.3.17.	do	Reptd. Missing is struck off strength	do	9.2.17.	A.I.F. List 146. A/6/10	
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		(SGD) H.E. WAWN Officer i/c Records.				
ANZAC	SECTION, 3rd British Expeditionary Force.					

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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

Lieut. R.B. Finlayson,

1st Btn.



Signature

C. Finlayson (mother)

Date

Dec. 20th / 22

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

D. 3165/9.22.-C.13(30).-5M.

Sincere apologies for delay

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, FINLAYSON R B

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Receipt for Consignment from Defence Department.

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

No.	Description.	Signature
1	Package	<i>R.B. Finlayson</i>
		Date <i>July 24 1917</i>



NOTE - This Receipt should be Posted to

The Officer in Charge,
Base Records,
Victoria Barracks,

Melbourne, Victoria.

W. K. Thorne
National Archives of Australia
NAA: B2455, FINLAYSON RB

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
Victoria Barracks,
191
MELBOURNE,

Dear

16th July

Sir, have despatched to the

Store Circular Quay ~~packages~~ ^{packages} containing the effects of the late
to your address, ¹ ~~packages~~ ^{packages} ~~containing~~ ^{containing} the effects of the late

Lieut. R.B. Finlayson, 1st Battalion
as per inventory attached.
received ex Transport

Should these not come to hand within a reasonable
time, it is suggested you communicate with the above-mentioned
officer on the subject.

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

ENCL.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. R. Finlayson,
"Lightcliffe",
WOLLONGONG, N.S.W.

J. H. LEAN, Major,
Officer i/c Base Records.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE, 19th June, 1917/

Dear Sir,

I have despatched to the Senior Ordnance Officer, Ordnance Store Circular Quay, Sydney, this day, for transmission to your address, 1 package containing the effects of ~~the late~~

Lieut. R.B. Finlayson, 1st. Btn., received ex Transport "Beltana", as per inventory attached.

Should these not come to hand within a reasonable time, it is suggested you communicate with the above-mentioned officer on the subject.

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

ENCL.
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Yours faithfully,

Mr. R. Finlayson,
"Lightcliffe",
WOLLONGONG, N.S.W. Officer i/c Base Records.
Major,
J. H. LEAN,
Officer i/c Base Records.

AAS/TC.

Not 318, 319, 320

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.



110, GREYHOUND ROAD,

FULHAM, LONDON,

KIT STORE.

S.W.

Telephone:—HAMMERSMITH 1899.

Inventory of Effects of— ~~the late~~ Lieut R.B. Finlayson, 1st Batt'n. A.I.F.
Reported Missing.

Forwarded to—

Next-of-Kin.
(Father)

Mr Robert Finlayson,
"Lightcliffe",
Wollongong,
N.S.W.

Beltrades

Ex. T.C.& S. 2/4/17.

ONE BLACK TIN TRUNK (sealed)

Military Text Books, Note Books, Exercise Books, 2 Prs Socks,
14 Handkerchiefs, 1 Pr Gloves, 3 Ties, 1 Pr White Shoes, 1 Pr
Hairbrushes in Case, 1 Collar, 1 Khaki Shirt, 1 Pr Shorts,
1 Pr Khaki Drill Riding Breeches, 3 Singlets, 1 Pr Drawers,
2 Suits Pyjamas, 1 S.D. Tunic, 1 Pr S.D. Slacks, 1 Pr S.D. Riding
Breeches, Housewife, 1 Helmet, 1 Razor Strop, Films, Snapshots,
Visiting Cards & Metal Plate, 1 Photo Album, 1 Photo, 1 Match Box,
1 Protractor, 1 Comb, 1 Penknife, 1 Cheque Book (No. 080479, Bank
of New South Wales, Rockdale, Sydney).

No. of Package M. 894. Case 518.

Checked by *AYGH*

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

KIT STORE.



110, GREYHOUND ROAD,
FULHAM, LONDON.

S.W.

Telephone:—HAMMERSMITH 1899.

Inventory of Effects of— Lieut. R.B. Finlayson, 1st Batt'n, A.I.F.
(Reported Missing)

Forwarded to— Next-of-Kin.
(Father)

Robert Finlayson,
"Lightcliffe",
Wollongong,
N.S.W.

Beltana

Ex. C.S.A. 5.12.16.

ONE VALISE (sealed)

Kit Bag, B.D. Tunic, Cap, 1 Pr. Canvas Shoes, 1 Pr. Tan Shoes,
Belt, Pyjama Suit, 3 Khaki Shirts, 2 Collars, Khaki Drill Tunic,
Scarf, "Sam Browne" Belt, 3 Singlets, Underpants, Air Cushion,
3 Ties, Notebook, Postcards, Cheque Book, Waterproof Gape,
V.P. Camera, Photos, Films.

No. of Package *M. 264.*

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JML/ET

13th April 1917

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Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your note left by Mr Berry, and have to state that so far no advice of the despatch of any personal effects of your son, Lieutenant R. B. Finlayson, 1st Battalion, who is officially posted "missing" 5/11/16, has been received.

Several very heavy shipments (totalling some 141 cases) are expected to reach Australia at an early date, and anything coming to hand will of course be promptly transmitted.

Yours faithfully,

R. Finlayson Esq.,
Crown Street
WOLLONGONG N.S.W.

Major.
Officer i/c Base Records.

Missing

AUSTRALIAN - IMPERIAL FORCE.

Receipt for Consignment from Defence Department.

*All articles received by me
of which I have the receipt
are hereby acknowledged
to have been received by
me from the Defence
Department.*

I hereby acknowledge having received from the Officer in Charge of Base Records the undermentioned (1) Package , being the effects of

of *Private* W. B. Finlayson, 1st Battalion ex. "Beltana".

No. *100*

Description. *Package*

Signature *W. B. Finlayson*

Date *27/1/1917*



NOTE.—This Receipt should be Posted to—

The Officer in Charge,

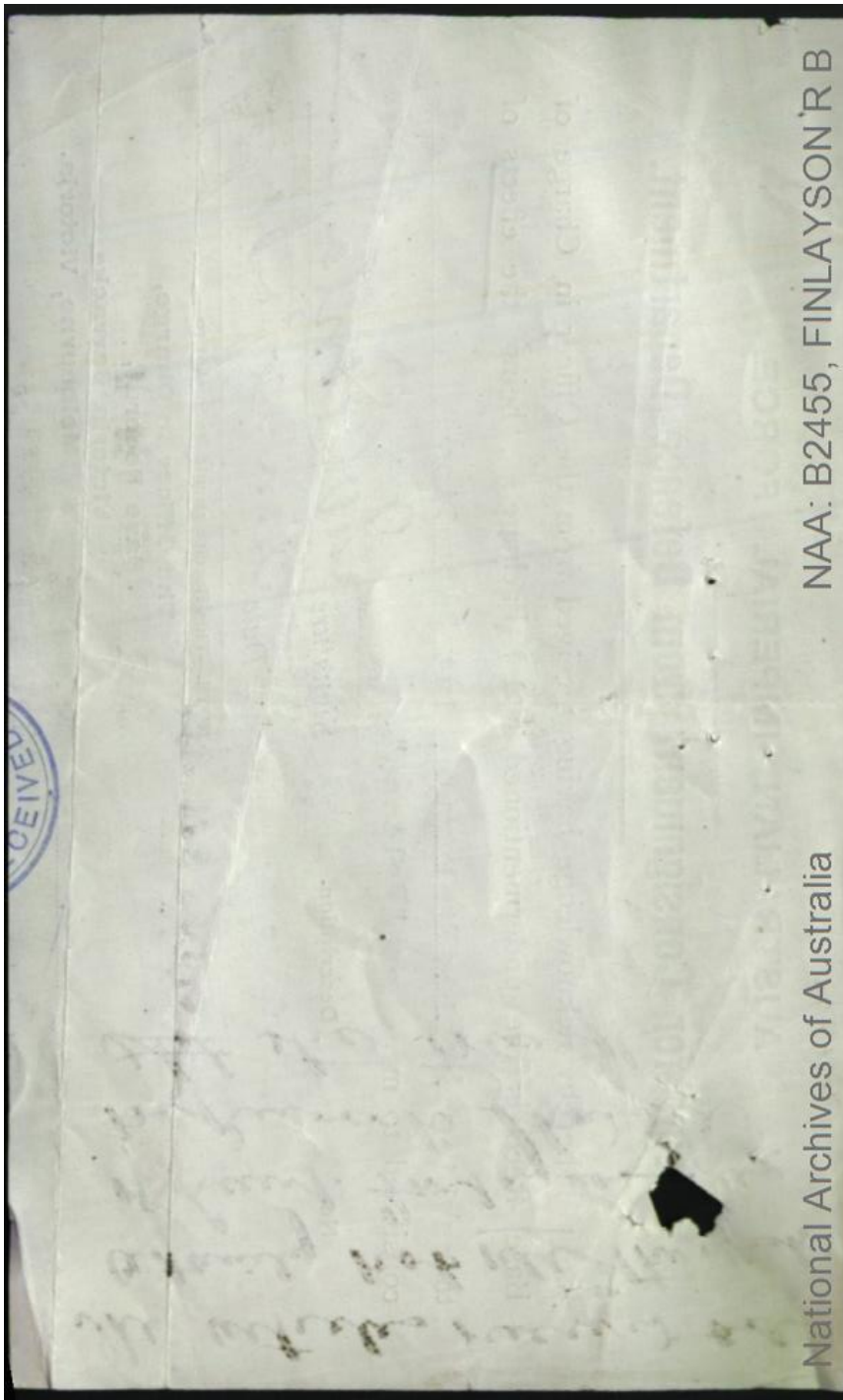
Base Records,

Victoria Barracks,

Melbourne, Victoria.

NAA: B2455, FINLAYSON R B

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JUL 2 1917

'Light cliff'

Hollongay (Nstr)

Jan 27 1917

The Officer in Charge

Base Records Victoria Barrack
Melbourne (Vic)

Sir Lieut R. B. Finlayson (Missing)

I return herewith a receipt
for value of the above, containing certain of
his effects - as per your list. But there is
a steel trunk of his, with other of his
effects, which we have not received. This
trunk, was left with Cook, (in London)
who on enquiry informed my other son
(Capt. M. A. Finlayson, A.D.C.) that all the
trunk) had been sent on to the military
authorities in London. Can you assist
me in recovering this trunk by informing us
where to write to in London about, or by com-
municating with the authorities for us?

I thank you in anticipation
I am & yours faithfully
R. B. Finlayson
NAA: B2455, FINLAYSON R B

P.S.
We have had undoubted information
of an unoffical character that Lieut.
Finlayson was buried by two of his
Comrades on ^{April} March last - tho'
the only official information is
"missing since 5th November last"

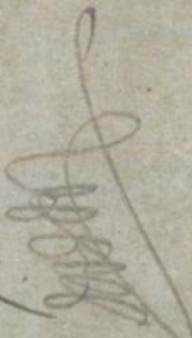
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Base Record

Can you give me any details re
death of Lieutenant Finlayson
Training & Tunelling Corps.
was he killed accidentally or in action.

Heath
for a Secretary.

Just the brief-cable message, dated London 3/7/17
"Accidentally Killed 25/6/17" —



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H. W. McLELLAND

BOX 26
TEL. WOLLONGONG 8

The Officer in charge,
Base Records,
MELBOURNE.

WOLLONGONG, 24th July 1917

0.52. 9-11-17

PA per

Dear Sir,

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Re Lieutenant Ronald Berry Finlayson,
1st Battalion Australian Imperial Forces,
deceased.

Will you be good enough to supply us with two copies of
Certificate of death of the above named deceased who was killed in action
on the 5th November 1916. We require these documents for Probate purposes.

Yours faithfully,
W. Finlayson

FORMAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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E.G.

Handwritten mark

Lieutenant

Ronald Berry Finlayson
1st Battalion

Australian Imperial Force

xxxxx was killed in action,

(No record available)

5th November

16

Cable No.C.I.B.L.

1568, from the Commandant A.I.F.Headquarters, dated London
3rd July 1917, confirmed by Mail from the Commandant A.I.F.
Headquarters, dated London 10th July 1917.

24th September 17

Major.

E.C.

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

B.R. Form No. 6.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,

VICTORIA BARRACKS
MELBOURNE, 24th September 1917.

RECEIVED

DEAR Sirs,

further

I have to/acknowledge receipt of your communication of 9th July, *in duplicate*

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

Lieutenant R.B.Finlayson, 1st Battalion.

Yours faithfully,

Messrs. Russell & McLelland,
Solicitors,
WOLLONGONG. N.S.W.

J. M. LEAN, Major,

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

D. 18978.17.—0.3413.

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1st Australians (Bombers)

Finlayson, R. 21 APR 1917

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Miss France 5-11-16

11. Nov. 1916

"I saw Lieut. Finlayson lying dead at the bottom of a trench on the 5th Nov. 1916 at Piers. He was killed by machine gun fire, and was buried where he fell."

Eye Witness: He saw him dead.

Description: Medium height, dark moustache.

Informant: Pte. S.B. Hubbard, 2966, S. R. Hubbard

at no. 1 command ^{Hubbard S.} Stephens' Hospital, Brighton.

to Rept: on 12/5/14

Home address: Gosford,

New South Wales

X13

28.3.17.
Macmill.

Kitchener Hoop
Brighton

B. R. B. Finlayson 5/11/16.
Missing Pte Hubbard
S.R.
m Enslays

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, FINLAYSON R B

OM/BB.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

KIT STORE.



110, GREYHOUND ROAD,
FULHAM, LONDON.

S.W.

Telephone :—HAMMERSMITH 1899.

Inventory of Effects of— Lieut. R.B. Finlayson, 1st Batt'n, A.I.F.
(Reported Missing)

Forwarded to— Next-of-Kin.
(Father)

Robert Finlayson,
"Lightcliffe",
Wollongong,
N.S.W.

Ex. C.S.A. 5.12.16.

ONE VALISE (sealed)

Kit Bag, S.D. Tunic, Cap, 1 Pr. Canvas Shoes, 1 Pr. Tan Shoes,
Belt, Pyjama Suit, 3 Khaki Shirts, 2 Collars, Khaki Drill Tunic,
Scarf, "Sam Browne" Belt, 3 Singlets, Underpants, Air Cushion,
3 Ties, Notebook, Postcards, Cheque Book, Waterproof Cape,
V.P. Camera, Photos, Films.

No. of Package

M. 264

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NAA: B2455; FINLAYSON R B

AAE/FC.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

KIT STORE.



110, GREYHOUND ROAD,
FULHAM, LONDON.
S.W.

Telephone:—HAMMERSMITH 1899.

Inventory of Effects of— ~~the late~~ Lieutenant R.B. Finlayson, 1st Batt'n. A.I.F.
Reported Missing.

Forwarded to— Next-of-Kin.
(Father)

Mr Robert Finlayson,
"Lightcliffe",
Wollongong,
N.S.W.

Ex. T.C. & S. 2/4/17.

ONE BLACK TIN TRUNK (sealed)

Military Text Books, Note Books, Exercise Books, 2 Prs Socks,
14 Handkerchiefs, 1 Pr Gloves, 3 Ties, 1 Pr White Shoes, 1 Pr
Hairbrushes in Case, 1 Collar, 1 Khaki Shirt, 1 Pr Shorts,
1 Pr Khaki Drill Riding Breeches, 3 Singlets, 1 Pr Drawers,
2 Suits Pyjamas, 1 S.D. Tunic, 1 Pr S.D. Slacks, 1 Pr S.D. Riding
Breeches, Housewife, 1 Helmet, 1 Razor Strop, Films, Snapshots,
Visiting Cards & Metal Plate, 1 Photo Album, 1 Photo, 1 Match Box,
1 Protractor, 1 Comb, 1 Penknife, 1 Cheque Book (No. 080479, Bank
of New South Wales, Rockdale, Sydney).

No. of Package M. 604. Case 318.

Checked by *N.G.H.*

F I S H E R

Surname.

Harold James

Other Names

6247

Regimental No.

20/10th Bn

Unit.

PURPORT.

AUTHORITY.

Embarked at Adelaide per S.S. A68 "Anchisis" 28/8/16.
Pte

NAME	PURPORT.	AUTHORITY.
FINLAYSON	R.B. 2/Lieut.	1st Aust. Inf. Bn.
	Embarked at Sydney N.S.W. on H.M.A.T. "A71 "Nestor" 9/4/16 attached 16/1st Btn	
	23.6.16. T.O.S. 1st Bn as Supy. to estab. from 16/1st Bn. A.D.	BEFO 59/2-16.
	30/8/16. Promoted to Lieutenant 'In the field'	BEFO 79/2-16
	5/11/16. Missing in Action - In the Field Deleted	BEFO 93/13-16
	5/11/16. Placed on the Seconded List Under the Provisions of para 3a of Rules governing the Promotion of Officers 'In the Field.	DP BEFO 98/6-16
	1/8/16. Absced on strength of 1st Inf. Bn from Rfts.	DA BEFO. 75.4.16.
	5/11/16 KILLED IN ACTION	BEFO 49/2-17

COPY.

No.2 Aust. General Hospital,
B.E.F. FRANCE.

May 5th 1917.

Officer Commanding,
A.I.F. Headquarters,
London.

Dear Sir,

I have received a letter from 2734, Pte. J. Rudkin, 1st Pioneer Battalion, A.I.F., stating that during last month one of the men in his Company picked up portion of a tunic in which was the pay book of my brother, Lieut. Ronald Berry Finlayson, 1st Btn. A.I.F., who has been missing since 5th Nov. 1916., the night of an attack by the 1st Brigade near Flers. On further search, he and others found the body of my brother and buried it, erecting a cross and sending me the map reference as Guedecourt N.26 a 3.8. He also sent me a few articles including a small pocket book and a marked handkerchief which I recognise as belonging to my brother, but does not state what became of the pay book, or whether an identification disc was found.

Would you institute official inquiries and oblige me by communicating with me c/o Bank of New South Wales, 29, Threadneedle Street, London, E.C.

Official notification will also, I presume, be cabled to his next of kin in Australia.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) M.R. Finlayson,
Captain, A.A.M.C.

Sent Echelon

21 6 17

RF

ROBT. FINLAYSON

Primary Manager E.S. & A. Bank, Wollongong

CROWN STREET (Next Bank of N.S.W.)

Private Address: "Lightcliffe," Smith Street

WOLLONGONG,

April 11 1917

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The officer in Charge
Base Account office
Victoria Barracks
Melbourne

Dear Sir
Lieut. Ronald B. Finlayson
1st Battalion A.I.F.

The above officer (my son) has been reported 'missing' since 5 November last & we have been since advised by Lieut Col. Hean - (the then O.C. of the Batty) that his personal ^{effects} were being sent to the Base so that they could be forwarded to us. We have heard nothing further and I shall be glad if you give the Base (Mr J. M. Berry) any information you can as to the procedure necessary for obtaining the personal effects of the above officer.

Thanking you in anticipation
Yours faithfully
R. B. Finlayson

R. B. Finlayson

E.G.

24th September 1917.

16794

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of 13th inst., and to state certificate in duplicate of report of death of your son, the late Lieutenant R.B. Finlayson, 1st Battalion, has been despatched with this Mail to Messrs. Russell & McLelland, Solicitors.

All matters in connection with pay will in this instance be dealt with by the District Paymaster, Paddington, Sydney, N.S.W., on receipt from the Staff Paymaster, London, of Lieutenant Finlayson's Pay-book and Cash statement.

It is suggested that in order to prevent unnecessary delay, further communication on this subject be addressed to that Officer.

Yours faithfully,

R. Finlayson Esq.,
"Lightcliffe",
WOLLONGONG. N.S.W.

Officer i/c Base records.

'Light Cliff'

Wollongong Sept. 13/1917

The Officer in Charge
Base Records
Melbourne

Dear Sir,
Late Lieut: Ronald Finlayson
1st Batt:

I am desirous of having
my late son's affairs attended to -
i. Probate of will obtained or and
shall be glad to have the formal
certificate of death
Could you let me know
when this certificate will be ready
for issue?

Also - Can you inform
me when the amount due in respect
of deferred pay or can be notified to
me as it must be included in
the Probate application.

Your early attention
to these enquiries would be esteemed
a favor.

I am
Yours faithfully
Ronald Finlayson



Pt. Major Finlayson's will and certificate,
re: being the right business, the certificate
may be forwarded to them by

RECEIPT FOR VICTORY MEDAL.

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

Lieutenant R.B. FINLAYSON, 1st Btn.

Signature

R. B. Finlayson

Date

1 March 1923

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

D. 3049/4.22.—C. 5128.

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, FINLAYSON R B

RECEIPT SLIP.

RECEIVED from the Officer in Charge Base Records, Department of
Defence, three copies of photograph of the grave of the late Lieut.

R.B. Finlayson, 1/Bn

(Signature)

R. B. Finlayson

(Date)

9. April 1974



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

D.1871/11.20.-C.10976.-5M.

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, FINLAYSON R B

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 *Lieut- Finlayson R. B.*



(Signature) *Robert Finlayson*

(Date) *16/1/78*

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

D.1976/12.21.-C.10391.

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, FINLAYSON R B

Ext. from folder of photo of grave

Lt. R. B. Finlayson 1/Bn.

Reburied Bancourt Brit. Mil. Cem. plot 10 row C grave 15

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, FINLAYSON R B

TELEPHONE:
CENTRAL 4741.

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

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS.

Melbourne,



Forwarded herewith are photographs and

National Archives of Australia locality of the grave of NAA: B2455, FINLAYSON R B

- (a) BANCOURT BRITISH CEMETERY, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles E. of RAPAUME
- (b) RIBEMONT COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles S.W. of ALBERT.
- (c) OUTERSTERN COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles S.W. of PAILLEUL.

GRAVES REGISTRATION UNITS
(EXHUMATION:)

56/Bn AIF	1891	CONDELL	Pte. C H	3.12.16.
	(a)	(Report Bancourt 3.184E)		
5/Bn	1643	McASKIL	Pte. A.D.	3.2.17.
	(a)	(Report Bancourt 3.198E)		
1/Bn	-	FINLAYSON	Lt. R. B.	5.11.16
	(a)	(Report Bancourt 3.155E)		
30/A.I.F.	A.757	FLINSTON	Pte. W.E. [?]	18.3.17.
	(a)	(Report Bancourt 3.182E)		
28/Bn AIF	896	MAYGER	Pte. W. J.	18.4.18.
	(b)	(Report Ribemont 6.5E., SSP.3509/5)		
3/Bn AIF	6880	LUCAS	Pte. A. D.	14.4.18.
	(c)	(Report Bailleul 6.35E., SSP.3362/1)		

Original in the file of No.1891 Pte C.H. CONDELL.

(10)

IF.

15th April, 1920.

Sir,

your

son, the late Lieutenant R.B. Finlayson, 1st Battalion,
he is buried in
Bancourt British Cemetery, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles East of Bapaume.

R. Finlayson, I & Co.,
"Lightcliffe"

Wollongong, N.S.W.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,

VICTORIA BARRACKS,

Melbourne, 5th November, 1919.

GED.

Dear Sir,

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

as a temporary 2nd Lieutenant in the regular forces of the British Army. This refers to first appointment to Commission, and not to his later rank.

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

R. Finlayson, Esq.,
"Lightcliffe",

Wollongong,
NEW SOUTH WALES.

Yours faithfully,

J. J. J. J.
Major,

c.77.

Officer i/c Base Records.

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, FINLAYSON R B

O. H. M. S.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS,
MELBOURNE.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Receipt for Document from Defence Department.

I hereby acknowledge having received from the Officer in Charge of
Base Records the undermentioned document on account of the late.....

Lieutenant R. B. Finlayson, 1st Battalion.....

Description.

1 Form of Commission.....

Signature

R. B. Finlayson

Date

Nov 28 1919

NOTE.—This Receipt should be Posted to—

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



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National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, FINLAYSON R B

2nd Lieut FINLAYSON Ronald Barry
1st Batta 16th Afts.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

RECORD OF OFFICERS' SERVICES.

Rank and Name 2nd Lieut FINLAYSON Ronald Berry
Staff or Unit 1st Batta 16th R. Fts. *m.o. 155/16*
Date of Appointment and Gazette 16/2/16 G. A. J. 22/16
Promotion (date and Gazette) "7th West"
Left Australia in Transport Makarini on 9/11/16 1916.

Record subsequent to embarkation:—

Taken on strength 1 Batta M.O. 589/16 R
30/8/16 Promoted Lieutenant. M.O. 27/17 G. A. J. 6/19/17
7/1/16 Placed on Seconded List. M.O. 95/17
9-2-17 Struck off strength 1st Btn M.O. 258/17 998

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

Gazetted from A.I.F.

D. 607/10.15.—C.15386.

FIELD SERVICE.

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

REGIMENT) 1st BATTALION. A. I. F. Squadron, }
or) Troop, Battery }
CORPS) or Company }

Rank Lieutenant

Name FINLAYSON, Ronald Berry

DIED { By whom reported Court of Enquiry dated 13/6/1917.
Date of Death 5th November, 1916.
Place or Hospital 'In the Field', FRANCE.
Cause of Death Killed in Action.
Place of Burial Particulars not yet to hand.

State whether he leaves a will or not. } Will not received.

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

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased Officer of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

Signature of Officer in charge) *R. G. ...* Captain. }
of Section Adjutant-General's Office at the Base. }
Officer i/c. Records.

Station and Date ANZAC SECTION, 3RD ECHELON. G.H.Q. ...
British Expeditionary Force,
14th July, 1917.

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August 2nd. 1917.

Dear Mr. Laird Smith,

With reference to the enquiry made in the attached letter, relative to the cause of death of the late Lieutenant Finlayson of the Mining and Tunelling Corps, I have to inform you that I have made enquiries at Base Records, but regret that the only information available there is that a brief cable message dated London, 3/7/17, was received stating that this Officer was accidentally killed on the 25/6/17. *No doubt- verpaulas bill that come to hand*

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) T. TRUMBLE

ACTING SECRETARY.

The Hon. W. H. Laird Smith, M.P.,
Federal Parliament House,
MELBOURNE.



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4.8.17 *Omomagan*
By Ho. OLC
6/8.

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Signature of Officer in charge } *R. W. ...* Captain. }
of Section Adjutant-General's } Officer i/c. Records. }
Office at the Base. }

Station and Date ANZAC SECTION, 3RD ECHELON. G.H.Q.,
British Expeditionary Force,
14th July, 1917.

Record of Service in the Field, also Reference to Decorations, etc., granted, and dates showing the period in each case.

PARTICULARS.	Reference to Orders or Other Authority.
26.5.16 Disent at Marbeilles x Isernia and reported at M.D.B. Depot.	
Staples. 29-5-16. P.T. 56/6033.	
1-8-16 Absorbed on strength of Battalion from Rfcs	AIF list 76
5-11-16 Missing France	CIBL 688 IB 79.
5-11-16 Reported missing, placed on the seconded list.	A.D.F. list 116- 25-11-16.
3-11-16 Missing in action in the field	P.T. 93/9572 22-11-16
5-11-16 Placed on seconded list under Provision of Para 3a. of Rules governing the promotion of Officers.	
"In the Field." (G.F. LIST of appts. to No. 16. dated 25-11-16)	G.O. 98/10298. 6-12-16
9-2-17 Struck off strength. Reported & Missing	A.P. list 146
5-2-17 Reported missing, is struck off strength. (This cancels entry in list)	A.D.F. list 166.
5-11-16 Killed in action. Ref. D.O. 93/9572 (1916) delete complete entry re Missing. b. of C. 1236.	P.T. D.O. HQ/4597. 5-11-17.

WAR GRATUITY SCHEDULE

Transferred to

D 31495

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. *Lieut*

Rank

Name

FINLAYSON R.B.

Unit

1st Battalion

243 Casualty *5.11.16 Missing CIB 688/1500 A London 10.11.16*

324

** Previously reported missing*

now reported killed in action

5.11.16

C.I.B. 1568/2280A dated London 9.7.17/15

DATE.	A. F. L. 103 Received	PURPORT F. B. 2090A Received.	REF. NO.
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14.11.16

M.C. 2 ADVISED, MISSING. 5/11/16

17-11-16

COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS

12.6.17

PERSONAL EFFECTS EX. Beltana

5/7/17

*M.C. 2 ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION. } 5/11/16.
Gov. General do }*

27.8.17

PERSONAL EFFECTS EX. Mulhades

20 JUL 1917

*Post asking for Effects
Russell + Co Belland asking for D Certs (2)
A.A.C. Pensions Advised re Casualty & Statement
of Gray asking re Particulars of Death*

8/17

CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF

Cable No. C.I.B. 1568 Vols 7/247 Dt 10/7/17

** 28.3.17*

Court of Inquiry proceedings received - B. R. M. 27/4/17

22 7 18

Banks of NSW Sydney asking Date of Death M 31/885

Referred to London Re Photo of Grave

5.11.19

Form of Commission J.O.K. B. R. M. 31/1339.

Circular B.R.M. 46/1368 & Booklet re C. v. s. despatched 1/12/19

WAR HISTORY INDEX



LIST

PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TRANSMITTED TO NEXT OF KIN B. R. M. 53/154 R

9.12.21 BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt *2nd* M.D.B.R.M. 54/15 175

"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST."
Memorial sent to *R. Finlayson Esq 23.12.21*
Desp. 11.1.22

MEMORIAL
SCROLL
To
Father
R. Finlayson Esq
356946
23.12.21
Desp 11.1.22

MEMORIAL
PLAQUE
To
Father Direct
R. Finlayson Esq
356946
5/12/21
4/12

VICTORY MEDAL to *Father* B. R. P. F. 42.
26 FEB 1923 Registered Post No. *5991* G. P. O. Melbourne.

6/7/29 REGISTER ORDER FORM despatched
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