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MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 508 Name Kirby A H. Unit 1st Battalion Joined on 4th Sept 1914

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- 1. What is your Name? 1. Alban Harcourt Kirby
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? 2. In the Parish of ... near the Town of ... in the County of ...
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? 3. B.B.S.
4. What is your age? 4. 21
5. What is your trade or calling? 5. Seaman
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? 6. No
7. Are you married? 7. Single
8. Who is your next of kin? 8. Mrs J. Kirby, Green St, Challengong, N.S.W.
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? 9. No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces... 10. No
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army... 11. Junior Sergeant Cadet
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? 12. Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? 13. No
14. (For Married Men and Widowers with children) Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you either before or after embarkation during your term of service? 14. No

I, Alban Harcourt Kirby do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth. And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children. Date 11th Sept 1914 Signature of person enlisted.

\*This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men, or widowers without children under 18 years of age.





C.Q.M.S.

KIRBY. A.H. 1st. Infantry Battalion. A.I.F.

No. 508.

Date	Report	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc. during active service, as reported on Army Form R 218, 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. 218, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
9/3/16	O.C. Anzac Base Details	To be Sergeant Instructor	Zeitoun	14/10/15	AP. 5336
2/5/16	O.C. 1st. Training Battn.	Appointed C.Q.M.S.	Tel-el-Kobir	22/3/16	AP. 7718
7/5/16	O.C. No. 2. Stat. Hosp.	Admitted:- M.Y.D.	"	6/5/16	R. 7288
	do	Discharged to Duty	"	9/5/16	DO. 14/190 E.-16/8/16
13/5/16	O.C. 1st. Training Battn.	Taken on Strength ex Hospital	"	9/5/16	AL. 1861
4/8/16	O.C. 1st. Aust. Div. Base Depot.	Reported ex England	Etaples	1/8/16	AX. 639
10/8/16	do	Proceeding to join 1st Bn.	"	10/8/16	AX. 744
18/8/16	G.O. 1st. Bn. B213	Rejoined Battalion as Substantive C.Q.M.S. Supernumerary to Establishment.	In the Field	12/8/16	AQ. 3013 Reg. Ref. 327/10/2 DO. 75/8029 Corri. DO. 91/9464 Corri. DO. 91/9465
25/8/16	do	Killed in Action	France	19/8/16	AO. 4094. DO. 75/8116 VL. 81-30/8/16 Corri. DO. 91/9466

*Buried 1 Mile E. of 4th rd and 4th Mile N.E. of Gilbert*

*299519 18593. 4. 70 68 6482E 18.9.17.*

*H. E. WAWN*

*Lieutenant.,*

*Officer i/c records.*

ANZAC SECTION 3rd Echelon.  
G.H.Q., B.E.F.

*Kirby*

Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at *Kennington* in the State of *Victoria* this *4th* day *Sept* of *1917*, before me—

*H. E. WAWN*  
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.

Army Form B. 103.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Battalion A.I.F. Regimental Number 508  
 Rank Private Surname Kirby Christian Name H.  
 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Officer i/c Records.

Report Date	Report From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 103, Army Form A. 26, 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. 211, Army Form A. 24, or other official documents
		Embarked ...			
		Disembarked...			
4/18/16	1 <sup>st</sup> Inf Div Base Depot	Reported as England	Stapes	18/16	Ax 639 12
10/8/16	do	Proceeding to join 1 <sup>st</sup> Inf	do	10/8/16	Ax 744 13
18/8/16	CO 1 <sup>st</sup> Div 1343	Reported on from Details	France	18/8/16	352 8073 2022/1946
29/8/16	CO 1 <sup>st</sup> Div 1343	Killed in Action	France	19/8/16	Ax 409 14 Do 25/10/16 Vh. 26. 20. 8. 16 Comm. 20/11/1946 10
15/8/16	CO 1 <sup>st</sup> Div 1343	Reported on from Details as Subaltern C.A.M.S. Superintendent to 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion	Little Biala	14/8/16	Ax 353 Reg. Reg 327/107 Do 23/8/16 Comm. 20/11/1946 14 Comm. 20/11/1946 14

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(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, part of the record will be entered.  
 (b) Signaller, Shoenig-smith, & Co.  
 (Crown) W 13019-3114 J. P. & Co., Ltd. Forms/B.103.

(c) e.g. Signaller, Shoenig-smith, & Co.

Army Form B. 103.  
 Rank Private  
 C.Q.M.S.  
 Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
 Enlisted (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of promotion \_\_\_\_\_  
 Extended ( )

Report Date	Report From
1/7/15	C.O. B
10/7/15	Sic
8/7/15	O.C. Ger
24/7/15	O.C. Ger
do	

(c) In the case of a  
 (d) Signaller, Shoenig-smith, & Co.  
 (389). Wt. 150123156. 1/5

*H. Kirby*  
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Kensington in  
 the State of Victoria  
 this 14th day of Sept, 1916, before me—

*H. Beaumont*  
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.





FIG whom served	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.
pre ining aratt	Taken on strength ex Hospital	Tel-el-Kebir	9/3/16	AL1861 11
stat ney atu	Admitted N.Y.D. Discharged from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Stal. Hosp. Tel-el-Kebir for duty	do	6/3/16 9-5-16	127288 9 16-8-16 10



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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 answers  
 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)

Date.....

4 Sept 1914

*[Signature]*

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED

I, Alban Harcourt Kirby  
 do hereby swear that I will faithfully  
 serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from the 4th  
 until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless  
 dismissed, or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and  
 be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service  
 duty according to law.

SO HELP ME, GOD.

*AKirby*

Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Kensington in  
 the State of N.S.W.  
 this 4th day Sept, of  
 1914, before me—

*[Signature]*

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.

Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B, 211, Army Form A, 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.

to whom received

admitted

stat

taken on strength ex Hospital

admitted 27/9/14 Discharged from 2nd State for duty









Description

110, GREYHOUND ROAD  
FULHAM, E.

feet ..... 7 ..... inches.  
 lbs. 37  
 girth ..... 32 - 34 1/4 ..... inches.  
 Colour ..... Dark Brown .....  
 Markings ..... Black .....  
 Breeding ..... Ro. lo .....

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

I have examined the above-named person, and find that he is fit for active service. He is suffering from the following diseases: scurvy; phthisis; syphilis; impaired constitution; diarrhoea; hemorrhoids; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent; chronic disease of the lungs; chronic disease; chronic ulcers; traces of corpulence; contracted or deformed chest; and he declares he is not subject to any disease which would render him unfit for the duties of a soldier.

Date ..... 4-9-14 .....  
 Place ..... Kensington, N.S.W. .....

CERTIFICATE OF COMMISSION

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person has been complied with. I accordingly approve, and approve the commission.

Date ..... 4. 9. 14 .....  
 Place ..... Kensington .....

Place	Date of offence	Rank	Cases of Dismissal	Offence	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or of order disposing with trial	By whom awarded

Description

110. GREYHOUND RO...  
 FULLHAM...  
 HAMMERSMITH  
 100

Army Form B. 122

*Kirby Ark*

Sheet { } No. and date of last drunk { } Corps *1st Batt*

Period not reckoning towards freedom from extra line { } Sheet No. { }

Signature O.C. Company, etc. { } G.C. Badges { } Service or Proficiency Pay { } Character { }

Date of offence	Rank	Cases of Drunkenness	Offence	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or order dispensing with trial	By whom awarded	Remarks
	<i>2nd S.</i>		<i>beatified no entry</i>					<i>Kirby Ark 1st Batt 10/10/14</i>

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Statement of Service of No. 508

Name Kirby, A. H.

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.	
		From—	To—		
1st Batta A. I. F. D. Coy	Posted as Pte	4/9/14			
	G. I. W. Finger & parsons Admitted to No 2 Gen Hosp 13/7/15	19/18/15			
Cashier Bates Jones	ADMITTED HOSPITAL 2nd Lt Africa	13/7/15		18 3/2132 20/8/15	
	concussion & passed to keep N.Y.D. GA 11/10/15	29/11/15		B213	
	Adm. Hosp. parsons. parsons & Shech	30/1/15		M.C. 7340/1	
	To be Sgt. Instructor. At D of Base. D. 14/10/15	14/10/15		A.P. 6326	
	Appointed CQ M & 1st Training Bn. Tel el Kebir	20/1/16		A.P. 7718	
	Taken on strength. 1st Training Batt. Tel el Kebir	5/1/16		AL 1861	
	Ad. 2. Stat. Hosp. N.Y.D. Tel el Kebir	4/5/16		P. 7218	
	ADMITTED No 2 Stat. HOSPITAL	Tel el Kebir. Sick.	6/5/16		P. 10 1909. 25-5-16
	To be Company. Qtr Master Sgt.	with 1st Training Batt Tel el Kebir	22/3/16		P. 10 1909. 25-5-16
	Discharged from 2nd Stat. Hosp.	Tel el Kebir for duty	9-5-16		P. 14 1908 16-5-16
Entered from L. 07m 13103	<b>KILLED IN ACTION</b>	France	19/8/16	C1BL398 AQ 4094. VL 61 30 Corri. DO 91/9466 76 H. II 75/8116 5/9/16	
	Embarked to join M.E. Alexandria	5-4-15			
	Adm. No 2 gen hosp.				
	Asg. G.I.W. Finger	Lawo.	8-7-15	C 2389	
	Taken on strength ex-hosp.				
		Tel el Kebir	9-5-16	AL 1861	

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



1914/15  
Store

CARD INDEXED

No 508. Name Kirby, A. H.  
 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Reported ex England - Staples. 1-8-16 AA 639.  
 Battrn Proceeding to form 1<sup>st</sup> Bn 10-8-16 AA 744.  
 Rejoined Battrn as substantive  
 Entered from C. & M.S. In the field 12-5-16 AA 3013. Reg Ref  
 Form 13103 Supernumary to establishment 327/10/2. DO. 73  
 " " " 94 64 8629  
 " " " 94 65.  
 PHE 9464 - 15/11/16

1<sup>st</sup> Bn Ref. 1<sup>st</sup> Bn A. 1F from Hoop: Details  
 & taken on strength as substantive  
 C. & M.S. Supernumary to Establishment  
 "In the Field" 12/8/16 PHE 9465 - 15/11/16

1<sup>st</sup> Bn Ref. D.O. 46/8116 delete Phe.  
 In lieu thereof. Read. C. & M.S. PHE 9466 - 15/11/16

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# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

## Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 508

Name Kirby, A. H.  
Unit 1st Battalion 1st Inf Brig  
Joined on 4th Sept 1914

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

1. What is your Name? . . . . . 1. Alban Harcourt Kirby
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? . . . . . 2. In the Parish of . . . . . in or near the Town of Wollongong in the County of N.S.W.
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) . . . . . 3. M.B.B.S.
4. What is your age? . . . . . 4. 21
5. What is your trade or calling? . . . . . 5. Salesman
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? . . . . . 6. No
7. Are you married? . . . . . 7. No
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) . . . . . 8. Mr. J. Kirby, London St., Wollongong, N.S.W.
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? . . . . . 9. No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? . . . . . 10. No
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge . . . . . 11. Junior & Senior Cadets
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? . . . . . 12. Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? . . . . . 13. No
14. (For Married Men and Widowers with children)—Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you either before or after embarkation during your term of service? . . . . . 14. . . . .

*Stated to be deceased*  
*46/1265*  
*father Mr James Kirby same address*

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

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

Date 4th Sept 1914

A. Kirby  
Signature of person enlisted.

\*This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men, or widowers without children under 18 years of age.



CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

The foregoing questions were read to the person enlisted in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to by him.

I have examined his naturalization papers, and am of opinion that they are correct.

(This to be struck out except in the case of persons who are naturalized British Subjects.)

Date... 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 1914

*L. J. Kempton Lewis*  
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.\*

I, *Alban Harcourt Kirby*, swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from *4<sup>th</sup> Sept 1914* 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.

*A. Kirby*  
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at *Morningside* in the State of *New South Wales* this *4<sup>th</sup>* day of *September* of *1914*, before me—

*L. J. Kempton Lewis*  
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 Alban Harcourt Kirby on Enlistment.

Age 21 years — months  
Height 5 feet 7 inches.  
Weight 137 lbs.  
Chest Measurement 32-34 1/4 inches.  
Complexion Dark  
Eyes Dark Brown  
Hair Black  
Religious Denomination R.C.

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

Vaccinated  
Scars on Chest

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 4/9/14  
Place Hensington N.S.W.

Spencer T. Dunn Coast  
Signature of Examining Medical Officer.  
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 .....

..... D. Co. .....

Date 4/9/14  
Place Hensington

R. Dolben Lt. Col.  
Commanding 1st Bat. 1st Inf. Brig  
A. I. P.



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

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
1st Battalion 1. (Inf)	Plt. C. Q. M. S. (1st Training Bn)	22.3.16	21.3.16	Promoted B.R. 6/1/16

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

State New South Wales  
Wallingong 10<sup>th</sup> March 1917

Officer  
In charge Base Records  
Victoriana Barracks  
Melbourne

Dear Sir

Could you tell me if  
any information has come to  
hand re <sup>508</sup>private A. Kirby,  
killed in France 19<sup>th</sup> August  
last.

I wrote to you some time  
ago on the matter. I have had  
no information, or settlement of  
his affairs. The only information  
was a cable of his death.

Will you be good enough to  
look into the matter of the settlement  
of his affairs at your earliest  
convenience, and please give  
me any information you have  
regarding them. He had some  
personal effects which, Sergeant  
Mackie of his Company took charge of  
after his death.

Thanking you in anticipation  
I am Yours  
A. Kirby

Crown Street  
Wallingong





New South Wales  
Australia

Wollongong 1<sup>st</sup> December 16  
Officer in Charge of Military Base Records  
Victoria

Sir

My son was killed 19<sup>th</sup> August in France  
Other than a bare cable sent through Clergy  
informing me of his death I have not had  
the remotest information. Surely this  
is sparse treatment after all the sounding  
of trumpets of the ~~xxx~~ achievement of our  
brave lads. I have given three sons  
and I can assure you I feel hurt  
to think the authorities are so cold  
after the service has been rendered  
However you will oblige me if you  
give me any information regarding  
him. His number 508 Private A  
H Kirby 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 1 Brigade  
please let me know if he

- 1 ~~when~~ ~~with~~ left any belongings
- 2 How can they be processed  
and any information

to oblige J Kirby  
J Kirby  
1/12



3rd October, 1916.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of an application for benefits payable to the representatives of No. 508 Pte. A. Kirby, of WOLLONGONG a member of the Australian Imperial Forces, 1st Battalion whose death on (~~between~~) 19th August, 1916. whilst on Active Service, has been reported.

Will you be good enough to furnish me with a Certificate which will be regarded as confirmatory of the report, and enable the Society to pay the amount due to the persons entitled thereto.



Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

*h. Omsmeyer*  
5/10/16

*R Turner*

GRAND SECRETARY.  
MASTER *over*

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



W.B.

W. ~~MRSxxxKIRBY~~, 10225

MRS J. KIRBY,  
BROWN STREET,  
WOLLONGONG. (N.S.W.)

REGRET REPORTED PRIVATE A.KIRBY WOUNDED POISONOUS FUMES AND  
SHOCK SLIGHT IN 2nd AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL GHEZIREH JULY 8th WILL  
ADVISE UPON RECEIPT FURTHER PARTICULARS.

SECRETARY DEFENCE.

19/7/15.



Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours stating that official documents & waring report of death of No. 508, Pte. *R. Kirby, 1st Battalion* have not yet been received. Trusting that I will receive same when in your possession.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

*A. Turner*

GRAND SECRETARY.

*Wester*

*Wester?*

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



FIELD SERVICE.

Army Form B. 2090A.

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 OR CORPS } 1ST. INFANTRY BATTALION. A. I. F. Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company }

Regimental No. 508 Rank C.Q.M.S.

Surname KIRBY Christian Names A. H.

Date 19th. August 1916 Place FRANCE

Died { Cause of Death\* Killed in Action

Nature and Date of Report Army Form B.213 dated 25th. August 1916

By whom made Commanding Officer 1st. Infantry Battalion. A. I. F.

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

Burial { Place Particulars not yet to hand Date --

By whom reported --

State whether he leaves { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Will not received (b) in Small Book (if at Base) --

a Will or not { (c) as a separate document --

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

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

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

ANZAC SECTION, 3rd. Echelon.

Station and Date } G.H.Q., B.E.F. Signature of Officer in charge of Section } Keenan Lieutenant,  
} 26th. December 1916 Adjutant General's Office at the Base } Officer i/c Records.

(1332) Wt. 5710/M745 400,000 8/16 JFW (E328) Forms E2090A/2

Army Form B. 103.

**Casualty Form—Active Service.**

Regimental Number 508

Rank C.Q.M.S.  
~~Pte.~~

Regiment or Corps 1st. Infantry Battalion, A.I.F.

Surname KIRBY

Christian Name A. H.

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Age on Enlistment \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months.

Enlisted (a) \_\_\_\_\_

Service reckons from (a) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of promotion to present rank \_\_\_\_\_

Date of appointment to lance rank \_\_\_\_\_

Extended { } Re-engaged { } or Corps Trade and Rate \_\_\_\_\_

Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Officer i/c Records. \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
	From whom received					
11/7/15	H.M.T. Minnewaska		Embarked to join M.E.F.	Alexandria	5/4/15	
10/7/15	C.O. 1st. Bn. B213		To Hospital:— N.Y.D.	Gallipoli	29/6/15	
	H.S. Sicilia A.36		Admitted:— Poisonous fumes & Shock	"	30/6/15	MFC. 7340/1- 12/7/15 A. 721 D.O. 19/698
8/7/15	O.C. No. 2. Gen. Hosp. A. 56		Admitted:— G.S.W. Finger	Carlo	8/7/15	C. 2389
24/7/15	O.C. No. 2. Gen. Hosp.		Admitted:— Concussion & Gas fumes	Mena	13/7/15	C. 2490 D.O. 31/1871
do	do		"	"	"	C. 2584 D.O. 37/2132

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.  
(b) Signaller, Shoeing-Smith, &c.

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Date	Report		Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 218, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
	From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 218, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.			
9/3/16	O.C. Anzac Base Details	To be Sergeant Instructor	Zeitoun	14/10/15	AP. 5336
2/5/16	O.C. 1st. Training Battn.	Appointed C.Q.M.S.	Tel-el-Keblr	22/3/16	AP. 7718
7/5/16	O.C. No. 2. Stat. Hosp.	Admitted: N.Y.D.	"	6/5/16	R. 7288
	do	Discharged to Duty	"	9/5/16	DO. 14/190 E.-16/8/16
13/5/16	O.C. 1st. Training Battn.	Taken on Strength ex Hospital	"	9/5/16	AL. 1861
4/8/16	O.C. 1st. Aust. Div. Base Depot.	Reported ex England	Etaples	1/8/16	AX. 639
10/8/16	do	Proceeding to join 1st Bn.	"	10/8/16	AX. 744
18/8/16	C.O. 1st. Bn. B213	Rejoined Battalion as Substantive C.Q.M.S. Supernumerary to Establishment.	In the Field	12/8/16	AQ. 3013 Reg. Ref. 327/10/2 DO. 73/8029 Corri. DO. 91/9464 Corri. DO. 91/9465
25/8/16	do	Killed in Action	France	19/8/16	AQ. 4094. DO. 75/8116 VL. 61-30/8/16 Corri. DO. 91/9466

*Handwritten signature*  
Lieutenant.,  
Officer i/c Records.

ANZAC SECTION. 3rd. Echelon.

G.H.Q. B.E.F.  
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BASE RECORDS OFFICE,

Victoria Barracks,

MELBOURNE, 13th December 1916.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of 14th Oct. and enclose herewith, as requested, certificate of report of death of the late **No. 508, Private A. Kirby 1st**

**DISPATCHED**

Battalion.

Yours faithfully,

The Grand Master,  
M.U.I.O.O.F.,  
183 Elizabeth Street,  
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

J.M. LEAHY.

Major,  
Officer i/c Base Records.



RM

11/17

No. 508,

Private Alban Harcourt Kirby,  
1st Battalion,

Australian Imperial Force.

~~xxxxxx~~ was killed in action.

(No record available) 19th August, 1916.

Cable No. C.I.B.L.

388, from the Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters, dated London,  
7th September, 1916, confirmed by Mail from the Commandant, A.I.F.  
Headquarters, dated London, 11th September, 1916.

13th December, 1916.

Major.

Place of Graves Courcelette British Cemetery, 5 miles  
N.E. of Albert.

Reported by GRAVES REGISTRATION UNITS.  
(EXHIBITION)

25/A.I.F.	1989	LOVEJOY	Pte.F.W.	5.8.16.
		(Report Courcelette	2.30No., SSP-1493)	
26/A.I.F.	1688	LYMER	Pte.R.C.	29.7.16
		(Report Courcelette	2.26No., SSP-1453)	
1/A.I.F.	508	KIRBY ✓	QMS-A.H.	19.8.16
		(Report Courcelette	2.26No., SSP-1493)	
25/A.I.F.	3131	LEE	Pte.W.H.	5.8.16.
		(Report Courcelette	2.19No., SSP-1366)	
27/A.I.F.	124	LLOYD	Pte.F.W.	4.8.16
		(Report Courcelette	2.38No., SSP-1366)	
2/A.I.F. Para.	3562	JUST	Pte.J.Y.	5.8.16.
		(Report Courcelette	2.26No., SSP-1453)	

(Original copy in sheet of No.1989 Pte.F.W.  
Lovejoy.)

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M.S.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Base Records Office,  
Victoria Barracks,

MELBOURNE, 12th October 1916.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of 3rd ult. and to inform you that the necessary official confirming documents covering report of death of No. 508, Pte.

Pte. A. Kirby, 1st Battalion,

have not been received by this Department.

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

Yours faithfully,

The Grand Secretary,  
Independent Order of Odd Fellows, J. M. LEAM,

M. U. Hall,  
183 Elizabeth Street,  
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

Major

Officer i/c Base Records.

JML/RC.

7th December

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Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 1st inst., concerning the regrettable loss of your son, the late No. 508 Private A. Kirby, 1st Battalion and regret that beyond the bare cabled advice to the effect that he was killed in action (somewhere in France) on 19.8.1916, no further information is available.

It is the usual practice for either the Commanding Officer or the Regimental Chaplain to write giving such facts as are known, that is of course, if the stress of operations would permit. It is anticipated a final official confirming document will be to hand in the near future, which usually contains some further slight details and it is the practice of this Branch to immediately transmit anything contained therein of interest to those concerned.

No advice of the despatch of any personal effects has yet come to hand, but needless to say anything received will be promptly dealt with.

Yours faithfully,

Major.

Officer i/c Base Records.

Mr. J. Kirby,  
Crown Street,  
WOOLLONGONG, NSW.



**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

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**BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
VICTORIA BARRACKS.**

**MELBOURNE,**


Dear

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of and to inform you that the necessary official confirming documents covering the report of death of

have not yet been received from abroad.

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

Yours faithfully,

 **McLean,** Major,

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

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

D 1419/9.18.—C.14235.—5M.

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E. McK.

Madam,

the late No. 506, Company Quarter Master Sergeant A. H. Kirby, 1st Btn.,  
British Cemetery, 5 miles North West of Albert,  
he is buried in Courcellette

12th January, 1920.

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

Mrs. J. Kirby,  
Crown Street,  
WOLLONGONG,  
New South Wales

S. M. H. O.

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To open this letter cut along this edge.



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BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
VICTORIA BARRACKS,  
16th April, 1918.  
MELBOURNE,

Madam,

Dear

Forwarded herewith, per separate registered post, **is one** package containing personal effects of **the late No. 508 C.Q.M.S. A. H. Kirby,** **1st Battalion, received ex "Barambah"**

as per inventory attached.

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

Yours faithfully,

**J. M. LEAN,** Major,

*Officer in Charge, Base Records.*

Registered Packet No. **768** G. P. O. Melbourne.

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Mrs J. Kirby,  
Crown Street,  
WOLLONGONG,  
New South Wales.



IWD,

Australian Imperial Force.

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KIT STORE.



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110. GREYHOUND ROAD,  
HAMMERSMITH, LONDON.  
W. 6.

TELEPHONES: HAMMERSMITH 1900, 1901.

Inventory of Effects of- The Late 508 CQMS Kirby, A.H. 1st Btn A.I.F.

Forwarded to- Mrs J. Kirby,  
Crown Street,  
Wollongong,  
N.S.W.

~~BARAB.H.K.~~

Effects.

3rd Echelon ) Visiting cards.  
No. 3845. )



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C.M.

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BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
VICTORIA BARRACKS,

MELBOURNE, 21st June, 1917.

Dear Madam,

Forwarded herewith, per separate registered post, is one package containing personal effects of the late No. 508 C.O.M. Sergeant A.H. Kirby, 1st Battalion, received ex "Boltana" as per inventory attached.

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

(Enclosure.)

Yours faithfully,

Registered Packet No. 9336 G.P.O. Melbourne

J. M. LEAN, Major,

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

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Mrs. J. Kirby,

Crown Street,

WOOLONGONG, N.S.W.

F.C.

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## KIT STORE.



110, GREYHOUND ROAD,

FULHAM, LONDON.

S.W.

Telephone:—HAMMERSMITH 1899.

Inventory of Effects of— The Late. 508. C.Q.M.S. Kirby A.E. 1st Batt'n.

Forwarded to—

Next of Kin.

Mrs J. Kirby,

Crown Street,

Woolongong,

N.S.W.

*Beltana*

### Effects.

3rd Echelon)  
No. 3375. )

Identity Disc, Note Book, Photos, Card,  
Letter, Religious Book.

No. of Package

*2/5/567*

Checked by

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15th March 1917.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your communication of 10th instant, I have to state the only information available to-date, regarding your son, the late No. 508, C.Q.M.Sergeant A.H.Kirby, 1st Battalion, is to the effect that he was killed in action in France on 19th August 1916. Report of burial not yet to hand.

All matters in connexion with pay will be dealt with by the District Paymaster, Victoria Barracks, Paddington, N.S.W., and it is suggested that, in order to prevent unnecessary delay, further enquiries on this subject be addressed to that Officer.

No personal effects in this connexion have been returned to this Office to-date, but any coming to hand will be promptly forwarded to next-of-kin, or in accordance with other testamentary instructions.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. J. Kirby,  
Crown Street,  
WOLLONGONG. N.S.W.

Major,  
Officer i/c Base Records.

KIRBY

Alban Harcourt

508

1/En.

Surname

Other Names

Regimental No.

Unit.

PURPORT.

AUTHORITY.

Embarked at *Sydney* *per H.M.A.T. A 19* *Apr* *18* / *10* / *14*  
*Pte*

*By the Gen des Prisoniers d'Etat. Shock & concussion des armes  
du to de a Gen des Prisoniers d'Etat. 13.7.16' concussion des armes  
du to de a Gen des Prisoniers d'Etat. 13.7.15'*

12/8/16. Rejnd unit from France Details. BEFO. 73/4-16.  
**22/3/16. To be C.Q.M.S. Details. MKFO .10/1-16.**  
D.O. NO. 73 Supara 8029 is cancelled. (MK) BEFO91/1-16.  
12/8/16. Rejnd 1st Bn ex Hpl. Details. Taken on strength as (MK) BEFO91/1-16  
Substantive C.Q.M.S. (MK) BEFO91/1-16  
Ref.D.O. 75 subpar 8116. delete Pte in lieu thereof read  
C.Q.M.S. (MK) BEFO91/1-16  
6/5/16. Adm. NO. 2. Styn Hpl Tel-el-Kebir. Sick. (MK) Dtls MKFO10/3-16

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PURPORT.

BURIED 1 mile THIEPVAL 4 miles N.E. of ALBERT

AUTHORITY.

LDN 68/1/17



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 No. 508 C.C.M. Sergeant A.H. Kirby, 1st Battalion, consigned to me. ex "Beltana"

No. 1 Description. Package Signature Mrs. S. Kirby Date 28th June 1917

NOTE.—This Receipt should be Posted to—

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

Admiral Base, Note Book - photo - Card, Letters & Reliques Book - (Effect 201 Label No 7075)

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Extract from folder of photograph of grave.  
Buried Courcellette British Cemetery.

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No. 508  
Rank Private Name Kirby A. H.

Unit 1st Battalion (1st Training Bn 3R/12)

Casualty Poisonous fumes & shock slight, admitted to No 2 Australian General Hospital  
Ghazik July 8th Col. Martin of No 2 Aus Gen Hosp - 1908. Killed 10.7.15.

Misc. No. M. 200 7341/919 12/7/15  
B 7.15 G. S. W. Imperial Report received

DATE	A. F.	B. 103 Received	PURPORT	A. F. B. 2090A Received	REF. No.
19.7.15		No. 11 advised in No 2 A.G. hospital			
		19.8.16 Killed in action C.I.B.L. 388/7006A Gen Com. 7.9.16			
1 SEP 1916		M.C. 2 ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION. 19/8/16			
		COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS			
3 10 16		Very much looking for B/Cent.			
12 10 16		Reply sent			
1 12 16		Not looking for Particulars & Effects.			412
7 12 16		Reply sent 1.12.16			
		CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF			
		Cable No. Gen Com. 388/7006A/375. 11.9.16			
		9.5.16 Discharge July et 2nd Aust Str Hq			
		NY.D. 115425			
13 12 16		A/Cent sent to MUICT 3/10/16			
10 3 17		Not looking for Particulars & Effects			1573
12 8 16		Rejoined Unit France from Details. Daily leaves No 2 7.5.16			
9. 5 16		Disch ex 2nd Aust Hosp Gen Com Kirby A. H. D. 115425			
30.6.17		PERSONAL EFFECTS EX Bellana			
16.4.18		PERSONAL EFFECTS EX. Bellana			
		PERSONAL EFFECTS IN KIT - B.R.M. No. 357		Received & acknowledged	
		Comdt B.R.M. 40, 1368 & Booklet re Graves despatched		by printed card	
		1914/15 Star Issued B.R.M. 40/1229/622		Comdt 2 M.D. B.R.M. 40, 1368	
26 3 20		BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt 2nd			50/1247
18/2/21		M.D.B.R.M. 52/1229			
		MEMORIAL SCROLL			
		Father			
		M. J. Kirby			
		300111			



LIST 56

"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST."  
Pamphlet sent to *Mr J Kirby* on *1/10/21*

MEMORIAL  
PLAQUE  
*For*  
*Father (Direct)*  
*Mr J Kirby*  
*300/111*  
*21.10.21* *L.*

*21/10/21*

3 JUL 1922

VICTORY MEDAL IS *Father* B. D. P. F. 42.  
Registered Post No. *9233* G. P. O. Melbourne.

*6/12/27* REGISTER ORDER FORM despatched  
re *France 250*  
*H*