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15/5/16
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STRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 28894 Name PRESTON GEORGE ARTHUR
 Unit Joined on 15/5/16

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? George Arthur Preston
 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? Newcastle
 3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.)
 4. What is your age? 22
 5. What is your trade or calling? Coal Salverman
 6. Are you, or have you been, an apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period?
 7. Are you married? No
 8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) Mother KATHERINE PRESTON
 9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power?
 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?
 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
 12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service?
 13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds?
 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?
 15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small-pox and enteric fever? Yes

I, George Arthur Preston, 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 6th May 1916 Signature of person enlisted. Geo A. Preston

*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.

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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 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 6th May 1916 Signature of Attesting Officer.....
Signature of Attesting Officer.....

Signature of Attesting Officer.....

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

I, George Arthur Preston, swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 6th May 1916 until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

SO HELP ME, GOD,

Geo A. Preston
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Newcastle in
the State of New South Wales
this 16th day of May 1916, before me—
Signature of Attesting Officer.

*A person enlisting who objects to take 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 initialled by the Attesting Officer.

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Description of..... on Enlistment.	
Age.....	23 years 3 months.
Height.....	5 feet 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.
Weight.....	160 lbs.
Chest Measurement.....	34 / 37 inches.
Complexion.....	fair
Eyes.....	blue
Hair.....	light brown
Religious Denomination.....	R. C.
DISTINCTIVE MARKS	
Sight R.V. =	<u>L</u>
L.V. =	<u>L</u>
<i>(vaccination scar L. arm.)</i>	

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; haemorrhoids; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent; marked varicocele with unusually pendulous 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..... 6.5.16

Place..... Newcastle

J. H. O'Brien, Capt. RAMC

Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

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

.....B. Bay. Newcastle Dept. Bath

Date..... 15/5/16

Place..... Newcastle

Gen. H. A. P. Major A. I. F.
O. C. A. I. F. Camp, Newcastle.

Commanding

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B.103 ENGLAND 14/10/14.		A.F.B. 173. Harlow War Huts	
FRANCE 10-5-17 N. 282744		Spennymoor	
Statement of Service of No.: 28894 Name: PRESTON, George Arthur.			
Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.	Remarks.
From—	To—		
B" Coy. Newcastle Detd Batta.	private,	15/5/16 4-7-16	Transferred to 2nd Heavy Pre Dista Batta Mensangle
M Heavy Bnch Horton Batta Mensangle.	Gunner	4-7-16	
	Embarked Aeneas..		
	Sydney	80. 9. 16	
	Disembarked Plymouth	19.11.16	
2nd Heavy Bnch	Appointed B.2 p Drvrs	Aug 16	100 400 100 R-8648
	Res. 2nd Aust. Art.		(A.A.T.D.O.D.)
2nd	Adj to Aust Details No 3		
	Camp. Parkhouse from Aust Eng.	20.11.16	6/100E 1/3 1/4 aa
Dr R.B.A.A	proceeding Overseas		
6/4/17 Camps 20.21	to FRANCE	Folkestone	B251
20&28 Hilli			11/4 17 1R1567
2nd Army Bde	TAKEN ON STRENGTH 3	France 29/4/17	2/11242 1/45 1/7
	Army HQ B (esc n.s.)		3 798
	n Batta) from a HQ B		
Driver - Adj to Horton	Sq.	15.11.17	W 591. H.R. 948
I was Hopt. Spear			D. 0. 124 800 E 29/11
Fract d. Fibia			✓
Driver To hospital sick		2-11-17	104/113354
a. W 3426 now 5 tales		2-11-17	✓ 20/11/17 Reserv.
Injured accidentally		ref D 0 Aug 1/25/16 1/14/17	3. d Army Det
Driver Invalided to Eng.		14.11.17	DB48
ex 3rd Aust. Gen. Hopt.			342 2/11-17
(Fract fibia. etc.)			Reserv. 3d Army
Driver b of 8 Subject W 3428			Coft 2/11.

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

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Army Form B. 103.		2nd. M.D.		Regimental Number.....
Casualty Form—Active Service.				
<i>A/A</i>		Rank GUNNER Surname PRESTON Christian Name George Arthur		
Gunner DELVER		Regiment or Corps 2nd. Field Artillery Brigade		
Religion.....		Age on Enlistment..... years..... months		
Enlisted (a) 6/6/16		Terms of Service (a) W.W. & 4. mth Service reckons from (a) 6/6/16		
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 From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B12, Army Form A. 96, or in other official documents. This summary is to quote in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty
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28/11/16	AATD Parkhouse m/i from Australia	do	Plymouth	19/11/16
31/12/16	REAA Larkhill Marched in	do	England	28/12/16
14/1/17	do Grn armtd Driver amended	by D07/565 24/1/18	do	6/1/17 D06/1007E
14/1/17	do m/o to Fr. Wellington	do	do	12/1/17 6/3/17
1/4/17	do m/i from Camp 18	do	do	28/3/17
6/4/17	REAA Camps 20/21 Larkhill France	Proceeding Overseas to	Folkestone	11/4/17 D017/1836E 19/6/17

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into another Division D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
 (b) Signaller, Shoring Smith, R.A.

W. 1044-122722 2900m 8/17 (26041) C. P. & S. Ltd. Form B 103 E/1907. P.T.O.

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32nd M.R. 2 RIFLES M.T.M. BTRY
 3RD (MACH) FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE ✓ Army Form B. 103.
CASUALTY FORM ACTIVE SERVICE. +6694

Regiment or Corps French Motor Batteries Medium Artillery
 Regiment No. 28894 Rank Gunner Name PRESTON George Arthur
 Enlisted (a) 6/6/16 Terms of Service (b) War to be reckons from (a) 6-6-16

Date of Promotion to present rank	Date of appointment to lance rank	Numerical position on roll of N.C.O.'s
Extended	Re-engaged	Qualification (b)
		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 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.
1. 21/12/16 Aus Details Permanent	M. O. to France	Sydney 30/9/16
2. 21/12/16 R.B.M.L. H.Q. do.	M. O. to France	England 29/12/16 627816
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4. 26/11/16 Odd Workhouse	do. from Australia	29/12/16 627816
5. 14/1/17 R.B.M.L. H.Q. do.	do. from Australia	20/11/16 628779 2/16 628779 2/17 628779
6. 14/1/17 R.B.M.L. H.Q. do.	do. from Australia	6/1/17 628779 2/16 628779 2/17 628779
7. 14/1/17 R.B.M.L. H.Q. do.	do. from Camp B.	20/1/17 6283 6283
8. 21/4/17 A.C.F.E. do.	Proceeding Overseas to FRANCE	Folkestone 11/4/17 B231 20/4/1826 E 19/5/17 LR1567
9. 21/4/17 A.G.B.D. do.	Marched out to 3 rd A.F.A.B. Etaples	18/4/17 B213 B.60/16.

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(P.T.O.)

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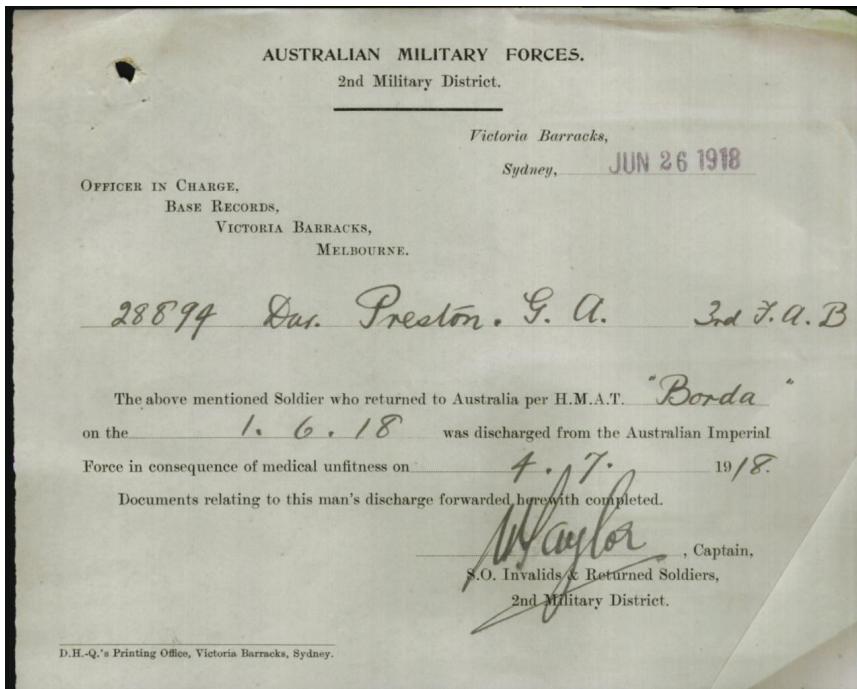
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10/28.4.17.	O.C. 3rd. (Army)	Taken on Strength	France	22.4.17.	B.213.A.26/16.D.O.21/17262 v 14.5.17
11/19/17	- do -	(D) To Haf. Adm. Invader Imperial Cavalry 600 mg/3576	Belgium	3/1/17	B213 A213/5 do 19/3/20 20.11.17
12/19/17	17 P.P.S.	Adm. & Invader & A.T. 25	"	3/1/17	AK1848/221
13/7/17	3rd A Gen. Haf. Admiralty (Free Fr. & Gt. Brit.)	Athens.	"	3/1/17	AK1848/22
14/7/17	- do -	To England - to -	"	14/7/17	AK1848/229 do 14/5/17 27.11.17
15/7/17-18/7	Princ. Thielb. Lab. - do -	France	"	15/7/17	AK1848/106
11/15/17.	Worl. War. Driver Adm. to Booth. Worl. Epson.	Fr. Alra.	Eng.	15.11.17	D.018/105 29/11/17 10.5.17 v 29/11/17 10.5.17
12/21.2.18.	do	Trans to 3rd Ave.	"	21.2.18	HR 860.
13/2.18.	3rd Ave.	Do Disch. to No. 1 Com. Dep.	"	25.2.18	HR 1119.
14/6.3.18.	No. 1 Com. Dep.	Do M/m from 3rd Ave.	"	28.2.18	8.8.1834.
10.4.18	5B456R	Dr. Returned to Australia per A.30 from Eng. for change. Simple Frac. Lab. & file left Eng.	"	5.4.18	20/5/18 16.4.18 8.8.18
20.					

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Original
Duplicate

Application to Enlist in the Australian Imperial Force

To the Recruiting Officer
New Castle

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

POSTAL ADDRESS <i>Shortland Park New Castle</i>	Signature <i>Geo A Preston</i>
Occupation <i>Shoe Polymen</i>	Date <i>6 Sept 06</i>

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

CONSENT OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS. (For persons under 21 years of Age)
I HEREBY CERTIFY that I approve of the above application, and consent to the enlistment of my {son} for Active Service Abroad.

Statement regarding Death or Absence of either or both parents,	Father's Signature
	Mother's Signature or Guardian's Signature

PERSONAL PARTICULARS.

Age— <i>29 yrs 3 mos.</i>	Height— <i>5 ft. 11 ins.</i>	Chest Measurement (fully expanded)— <i>37 inches</i>
Married. Widower. Single.		

PRELIMINARY MEDICAL EXAMINATION.
Decision of Medical Authority {FIT for Active Service.
UNFIT for the following reasons:—}

Place _____	Date _____	Signature of Medical Authority.
<i>Place New Castle</i>	<i>Date 6 5 16</i>	<i>John W Brown CFA MC</i> Signature of M.O. at Central Recruiting Depo.

CERTIFICATE OF RECRUITING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that I have this day provisionally Accepted in the Australian Imperial Force, Place <i>New Castle</i>	Rejected this applicant for enlistment Signature <i>H Heath Lupton</i> Recruiting Officer.
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INSTRUCTIONS.

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

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

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

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

(5) When alternatives are shown on the front of the form such as:— Single Widower Married Duplicate strike out the words which are not applicable.

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

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

RECRUITING FORM
ENLISTMENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION

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Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE. S.C.1.

The Deputy Commissioner,
Department of Repatriation,

17/8 / 1933.

Sydney
REFERENCE :- R/12431 DATE 27/7/1933.

Herewith documents indicated relative to
the service of the undermentioned ex-member of the A.I.F. :-

Reg.No.	Name & Unit	Documents attached
<u>28894</u>	<u>Preston G. C.</u>	<u>FOR EARLY RETURN :- A.F. B.103</u>
<u>TO BE RETAINED :-</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B.R. Card <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attestation Paper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A.F. :- B.103 " B.178 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> " B.179 (2) " B.181 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> " D.1 " D.2 " 28894		

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE. Imperial War

No. 28894	Rank Dvr Name PRESTON 4461	Unit (late T 77 Bty) (8 Bty Ma) 169D	6 A No. 11691
Casualty Fractured Left Tibia. Annual condition not stated Adm 15/1/17 Horton County London War Hosp WSMR 591... 446 dated London 2/1/18 Received B.R. 4/1/18 443			
Returning to Australia per H.M.A. 30 embark 5.4.18 list - Y CIBL 16 J. 1918 Received London 4/1/18 Received B.R. 5/4/18 443			
Returned to Australia per A. 30 "Borda" Disembarked 2nd M.D. 1/6/18 (Tr. Lib & Fib. Spkg) R.			

1914-18 STAR MEDAL

BRITISH WAR MEDAL ISSUED No. 55794

VICTORY MEDAL ISSUED No. 56243

DATE	Form B 103 Received	PURPORT.	REF. NO.
DEC 1917	N. O. K. Advised in Hospital	16	
APR 1918	N. O. K. Advised returning to Australia, Form		
WAR HISTORY INDEX			
4-7-18	Dr. Discharged S.M.O.		Q.R. 136/141. N.Y.
7-3-19	"WILL" to R. A. 9 2nd M.D. 439/770		

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