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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

STORY ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD

No. 2186 Name RICH Frank Stuart
 Unit D Coy 2ND DEPOT BATTALION A.I.F.
 Joined on FEB 14 1916

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... 1. Frank Stuart Rich
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... 2. In the Parish of _____ in or
 near the Town of Nowwood
 in the County of South Australia
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... 3. N B
4. What is your age? ... 4. 19 3/4
5. What is your trade or calling? ... 5. Engine Cleaner S.A.R.
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. Father, Richard Robert Rich
65 Camond Terrace, Nowwood
South Australia
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 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. 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. was Sen Cadet 77 trans to
at force 79 det. still serving
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, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother.)
 Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach 8/- per day? ... 14. No
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? ... 15. No

I, Frank Stuart Rich 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 FEB 14 1916

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.
 † Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

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

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

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

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

Date FEB 14 1916

W.T. Dray

LIEUT.

Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

I, Frank Stuart Rich swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from FEB 14 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.

FR Rich

Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at ADELAIDE. in
the State of SOUTH AUSTRALIA.
this FEB 14 1916 day _____ of

19 _____, before me—

W.T. Dray

LIEUT.

Signature of Attesting Officer.

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

Description of Frank Stuart Rich on Enlistment

Age 19 years 3 months
 Height 5 feet 6 1/4 inches
 Weight 124 lbs.
 Chest Measurement 32 1/2 - 34 1/2 inches
 Complexion Fresh
 Eyes Grey
 Hair Dark
 Religious Denomination Method

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

Vo R 6/9 L 6/9

Scar 42

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

Jan 11th 1916

Place

ADELAIDE.

Robert Sullivan
A. M. Sweeney

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

D Coy 2ND DEPOT BATTALION A.I.F.

Date

FEB 21 1916

Mr Hancock

LT. COL.

CAMP COMMANDANT

Place

Adelaide

2ND DEPOT BATTALION A.I.F.
 Commanding

Orig B103 France
6-2-17

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Statement of Service No. **2186**

Name **Rich, F. J.**

Unit in which served	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of Service in each Rank		Remarks
		From	To	
1st Coy 2nd Depot	Embarked from Aust.	12-7-16		
	Pte.	14-2-16		
	P/Serg.	16-3-16		
1st Coy 2nd Depot	as P/Cpl from 21/4/16	20/4/16		
3/5th Pioneer Bn	To be P/Sgt. 11-9-16. Pte	11/9/16		
	Ing Bn with pay under Para 213 order dated 19/9/16	19-9-16		Pt 151 208E. 8-11-16
	Red Overseas to France per 1st Roundel from 1st Postone	11-2-17		Pt 11 6. 5-2-17 378E (ER 9329)
5th Pioneer Bn	TAKEN ON STRENGTH from 3rd Pte	9-2-17		Pt 8 - 1070 26-2-17
	To Hospital sick France	16-2-17		Pt 8 - 1106 26-2-17
	Reverts to private at 5th Div Base Depot Etaples	4-2-17		Pt 8 - 1147 26-2-17
	P/O b/f. Reverted to Pte on 11/11/16. Pte Ing Bn from Aust: (ER 4331/11/18. 5 & 14)	10-9-16		B. 7 2042/4629 9/10/17 8-8-17.
	*With Reference D/O 15-208E dated 8-11-16 which shows promoted P/Sgt 11-9-16 to be deleted and on leave there of read 2186 Pte Rich F. J. 5th Pns To be E.D.P.Sgt	11-9-16		37E ER 4336 24-5-17 37 ISOIE
	Pte - Infirm to 5th A.D.B.D. from Hosp.	4-4-17		Pt 16 - 2119 17-4-17
	a/sgt To be E.D.P.Sgt. Pte Ing Bn from -	16-11-16		ER 5725 20-18/671E 18-12-16
	a/sgt. Reverts to Rank of a/b/f. Pte Ing Bn Larkhill from ER 959/15/47 of 1. 1. 17.	16-11-16		20-18/738E 18-12-16
	Pte admitted 13th Family V.D. Dischd: to duty ex 5th Gen Hosp.	16-2-17		Pt 17 21-4-17 1247
	Total period 48 days	4-4-17		

Discharged 4th Div TPE 29-8-19 RRM 48/1106

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

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Statement of Service of No. 2186

Name *Rich F S*

Unit.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, etc.	Place.	Date.	Remarks.
<i>5th Pns Bn</i>	<i>Pte</i> <i>DESIGNED UNIT FROM Hosp</i> <i>ex 5th A.D.B.D</i>		<i>13-4-17</i>	<i>P2 18</i> <i>23/4 2-5-17</i>
	<i>A.R.N. 5/8258</i> <i>1.5.18</i> <i>Pte</i> <i>4/87/15171919</i>			
<i>5 Pns.</i>	<i>RETURN TO AUSTRALIA</i> <i>Per</i> <i>Bellman</i> <i>FOR</i>	<i>by</i>	<i>2/6/19</i>	<i>J.B732 11.6.19</i> <i>A.163773 2X 5816.</i>

R I C H	Frank Stuart	Prl. 2186.Cpl	3/Rfs 5/Pnr Btn
Surname.	Other Names.	Regimental No.	Unit.
PURPORT. 4th M.D. Embarked at Adelaide per H.M.A.T. A 48 "Seang Bee" 13/7/16			
9/2/17	Tkn. on Str. of 5th. Bnr. Btn. from 3rd. Rfts.		BEFO 8/2-17
16/2/17	To Hosp. Sick.		BEFO 8/3-17
4/2/17	Reverts to Pts at 5th. Aus. Div. Base Dept. Etaples.		BEFO 8/4-17
4/2/17	Pro.O/seas to France per S.S. "Arundel" from Folkestone.		EDN 6/1-17
2/4/17	Mrechd into 5th. A.D.B.D. from Hpl.		BEFO 16/2-17
16/2/17	Adm. to 15th. Fld. Amb. V.D. 4/4/17 Disc. to duty T.P. 48 dys		" 17/3-17
13.4.17.	Rejoined Hos ex 5th ABED.		BEFO 18/1-17
	ref. DO No. 15 8.11.16. which reads Pro.T/Sgt 11.9.16. is to be deleted and in lieu thereof read To be EDP Sgt 11.9.16		
16.11.16.	To Be E/D/P.Sgt/ Pnr Tng Bn		LDN 18/4-1 6
16.11.16.	Reverts to rank of A/Cpl. Pnr Tng Bn Larkhill		LDN 18/8-16

D 3. of 216. - C. 2094.

Service and Casualty
Form

PART I.

200 M-8/18-12/14

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PRESENT
UNIT

5th PNR. BN.

(2)
Regtl. No.

2186.

(3) Present Rank	Pte.	(4) SURNAME	RICH.
(5) Decorations		(6) Christian Names.	Frank Stuart,

Particulars.

215582

(7) Date of Enlistment	14.2.16.	(8) Place of Enlistment	Adelaide.S.A.
(9) Age on Enlistment	19 Years 3 Months	(10) Any subsequent claim as to age after verification of Birth Certificate	Years / Months /
(11) Birthplace	Norwood.S.A.	(12) Religion	Meth.
(14) Trade or Calling	Engine Cleaner. S.A.R.	(13) If Married	No.
(16) Date of Embarkation from Australia	12.7.16.	(15) If an Apprentice	No.
(18)		(17) Whereabouts of Next of Kin, i.e. Australia or Abroad	Aust;
(19)		(21) Special Notification Card No.	
(20)			
(22)			

Nothing to be written in this Margin.

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Regiment

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CHRISTIAN NAMES

SURNAME

Regtl. No.

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Casualty Form—Active Service.

2/86

Regiment or Corps 3rd 5th Pioneers

Serial No. 2/86

Rank Corporal

Name Rich. Frank Stewart STUART

Listed (a) 14/2/16 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, 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				
1		<u>Embarked. Leang Bee A.48</u>	<u>Malacca</u>	<u>13/7/16</u>	
2	<u>Pr. Yng Bn</u>	<u>Disc. banked & E.D. Sgt. To receive Appointment. To receive 1st Lt. rank. Opt. a/c 2.5.</u>	<u>Downham</u>	<u>11.9.16</u>	<u>ERC 4386 W/15/188E 8037E</u>
4	<u>Pr. Yng Bn</u>	<u>To be sent. Sgt. with extra duty pay.</u>	<u>Perham Down</u>	<u>16.11.16</u>	<u>ERC 959/10/47 1-1-17 A.F.30</u>
5	<u>" "</u>	<u>Rules to rank of act. Expt.</u>	<u>Leang Bee</u>	<u>16.11.16</u>	<u>ERC 959/10/47 1-1-17</u>
6	<u>" "</u>	<u>PROCEEDED OVERSEAS FRANK. Per 55. Amended</u>	<u>Falkstone</u>	<u>4.2.17</u>	<u>ERC 959/10/47 1-1-17</u>
7	<u>5 ADED</u>	<u>Joined Depot ex England</u>	<u>Etaples</u>	<u>4-2-17</u>	<u>E 57/6</u>
8	<u>5 A.D.B.D</u>	<u>Reverts to Private</u>	<u>Etaples</u>	<u>4-2-17</u>	<u>E 57/6 Do 8/11/16</u>
9	<u>5 ADED</u>	<u>M.O. to 5th Pnr Bn</u>	<u>Etaples</u>	<u>8-2-17</u>	<u>E 57/6</u>
10	<u>7/1/17</u>	<u>Adm. Hq. VOCP. re-engage to 5th Pnr Bn. or W/15/188E 8037E</u>		<u>10.9.16</u>	<u>57/554/1 8037E 8037E</u>

(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, Slicing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties. (P.T.O.)

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				
10 17-2-17	C.O. 5th Pnr En	Taken on strength of 5th Pioneer Battalion	In the Field	9-2-17	E 2/7 Do 8/1070
11 17-2-17	do	SicA to hospital	do	16-2-17	E 2/7 Do 8/106
13 17-2-17	45 CCS	VDG admitted	do	16-2-17	FK 903/20
15 1/2/17	19th	V.D.G. to 510-9th reg	Enthal	24/2/17	AK 1026/4
16 13/2/17	51 Gen 2d	Adms V.D.G	Elaples	28/2/17	AK 1026/4
14 24/2/17	45 CCS	2nd Amb. Troop V.D.G	In the Field	18/2/17	AK 1026/3
12 17/2/17	13 AFAM	Adms V.D.G. to CC En	do	16/2/17	AK 1026/4
18 7-4-17	5 ADBD	Joined depot ex hospital	Elaples	4-4-17	E 5/104 Do 16/2/19
17 4-4-17	51 Gen 2d	V.D.G. direct to 84 Depot Total period 48 days	.	4-4-17	AK 130/10 Do 17/12-17
19 14-4-17	5 ADBD	Adms to unit	.	11-4-17	E 5/105
20 21-4-17	CO 5th Pnr	Returned from hospital to the field	In the Field	13-4-17	E 3/6 Do 18/2/14
21 15-2-18	do	From leave unit	.	15-1-18	E 2/109

Army Form B. 103.

Casualty Form Active Service.

Regimental Number 2186

Rank Pl Surname Rich Regiment or Corps 2nd Source
 Christian Name David Sarat
 Religion Anglican Age on Enlistment 21 years 10 months
 Enlisted (a) 1914 Terms of Service (a) 5 years Service reckons from (a) 1914
 Date of promotion to present rank 1915 Date of appointment to lance rank 1915
 Extended 1915 Re-engaged 1915 Qualification (b) 1st or Corps Trade and rate 1st

Occupation 1st Signature of Officer 1st

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as recorded in Army Form B. 103, 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. 103, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
<u>20/5/16</u>	<u>Anglo-Corps</u>	<u>Embartered</u>			
	<u>R.C. 24</u>	<u>Disembarked</u>			
<u>22</u>		<u>Congratulated for</u>			
		<u> gallant conduct on the night</u>			
		<u> of 4th May 18 this man</u>			<u>AK 7652/18</u>
		<u> showed great courage & devotion</u>			
		<u> to duty in attending to the</u>			
		<u> evacuation of the fallen wounded</u>			
<u>23</u>	<u>Gurlogh</u>	<u>Granted leave from</u>	<u>England</u>	<u>1911-18</u>	
	<u>Def.</u>	<u>to</u>		<u>3.12.18</u>	
<u>24</u>	<u>Cottm</u>	<u>Prod on Leave, U.K.</u>	<u>India</u>	<u>19.11.18</u>	<u>12/13</u>
<u>25</u>		<u>Rejoined Unit</u>		<u>6.12.18</u>	<u>182/101</u>

(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, Sholing Smith, &c.



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Repatriation Department
P.O. Box 902E, Adelaide

Telephone : 8 1661

The Officer-in-Charge,
A.I.F. Base Records,
Central Army Records Office,
"A" Block,
Albert Park Barracks,
MELBOURNE. Vic.

PLEASE QUOTE NO. *L R.*

REPATRIATION DEPARTMENT
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH
186 PULTENEY STREET
ADELAIDE

28 FEB 1962 19

I shall be pleased if you will forward to this office, as soon as possible, complete Medical File, Overseas Clinical Notes, Army Form B.103 and Attestation Papers, relative to the undermentioned ex-soldier :-

File No.	Name	Regtl. No.	Unit
<i>613/47 M 39040</i>	<i>RICH. FRANK. STEWART.</i>	<i>2186.</i>	<i>5th PAR. BATT.</i>

A. H. Panton
(A. H. PANTON)
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER. *A.H.*

12 MAR 1962



TRAINEE SECTION.

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Record Book compared)
and attached.)

Endorsed by

Checked by

No Book received

Initials

Date

Initials *one*

Date

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Date

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SIGNATURES OF RECRUITS.

1. After being passed by Medical
Officer

A. S. Rich

Date **14 FEB 1916** 191

2. On Arrival in Camp ...

A. S. Rich

Date **FEB 16 1916** 191

3. On Allotment to Unit ...

A. S. Rich

Date *20 - 11 - 1916*

4. A few days prior to Embarkation

A. S. Rich

Date **7 JUL 1916** 191

CP11126

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Pte

RICH

R.S.

(4)

5 Pnrs.

Retd "Beltana" 15/7/19

(TPE

)Disc. 29/8/19

BRM 48/1106

DISEMBARKED

M.D.

LIST N.

15.7.19
4th
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ISSUES TO PERSONNEL WHO LEFT AUSTRALIA IN 1914.

& PROCEEDING HOME ON FURLOUGH 1918.

REG. No. 2873 RANK *Enr.* NAME *M. Donald AA* (DUPLICATE.)

UNIT *8th Battery AFA.*

ARTICLE.	1.	2.	3.		1.	2.	3.
	SCALE AUTHOR- IZED	IN POS- SESSION KIT IN- SPECTION	ISSUES TO COMPLETE TO COL. No-1		SCALE AUTHOR- IZED	IN POS- SESSION KIT IN- SPECTION	ISSUES TO COMPLETE TO COL. No-1
Boots Ankle prs. ✓	2	1	1 ✓	Badges rank (coat of arms) ✓	3	-	-
Laces leather " ✓	3	1	2 ✓	Bags kit U.P. ✓	1	-	1 ✓
Puttees ✓	1	-	1 ✓	" " Sea ✓	1	-	1 ✓
or							
Leggings leather	1	-	-	Braces prs.	1	1	-
Breeches D.S.	2	-	-	Brushes hair	1	1	2
or				" shaving	1	1	-
" M.S. ✓	2	-	2 ✓	" tooth	1	1	-
Jackets S.D.C.P. ✓	2	2	2 ✓	Holdalls	1	1	-
Hats C.P. ✓	1	-	1 ✓	Housewives	1	1	-
Straps chin ✓	1	-	1 ✓	Knives table	1	#	1
Hats white	1	-	1 ✓	Forks	1	#	1
Greatcoats D.S.	1	-	-	Spoons	1	#	1
or							
M.S. ✓	1	1	-	Razors	1	1	-
Jackets dungaree ✓	1	-	1 ✓	Titles "AUSTRALIA" ✓	6	4	2 ✓
Trousers " prs. ✓	1	-	1 ✓	Chevrons overseas red ✓	2	-	2 ✓
Socks " prs. ✓	3	-	3 ✓	" " blue) ✓			
Drawers " ✓	2	-	2 ✓	sets) ✓	2	-	2 ✓
Singlets ✓	2	-	2 ✓	Stripes wound			
Shirts ✓	2	-	2 ✓	(Russia gold braid) inches			
Waistcoats cardigan	1	-	1 ✓	(2 inches per wound)			
Cap comforters. ✓	1	-	1 ✓	Crosses geneva	3		
Towels ✓	2	0	2 ✓	(A.A.M.C. only)			
Badges hat ✓	1	1	-	Shoes canvas prs. ✓	1		1 ✓
" Collar	4	2	2 ✓	Bagg Baggage	1		1 ✓
" A(Gallipoli)	6	2	4 ✓	<p>Certified that articles shown in column 3 have this day been issued to me, and that I am now possession of full scale as per Column 1.</p> <p>No. 2873 Rank <i>Enr</i></p> <p>Name <i>A. McGonery</i></p> <p>Date <i>15/10/18</i></p>			
" Corps distg.	6	-	6 -				
" Rank (chevrons)	3	-	-				
" " (crowns)	3	-	-				

Transferred to

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 2186
Rank Plt Name RICH. F. S.
Unit 5th Trenchers

LIST.

Casualty Relg. to Aust. per H. T. "Bellina" embarked 2/6/19
C.I.B.L. 3424/16202 d/d Lon. 6.6.19 Rec'd B.R. 12/6/19 Demobilised Al
Returned to Australia per "Bellina"
Disembarked M.D. 15. 7. 19 List 292 24

DATE.

Form B. 103. Received

PURPORT.

1 JUL 1919

N.O.K. Advised returning to Australia. Form 100

C.M. Form 7 Returned to Unit 20.4.4 M.D. 1/2/22

WAR HISTORY INDEX

29.8.19

Discharged M.D. 20

