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AUSTRALIAN



MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.**No. 4544Name Leyous William JohnUnit 14/15th RkJoined on 19. 8. 15**Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.**

1. What is your Name? ... William John Leyous
2. In the Parish of ... in or
near the Town of Bundaberg
in the County of Coast
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... Yes
4. What is your age? ... 21 3/4 yrs
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Labourer
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... no
7. Are you married? ... no
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... Father: Mr J. J. Leyous of Gladstone Island
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 ... 2 yrs 3rd inf
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... no
14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—
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

William John Leyous 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.*†

Date 19. 8. 15

W. J. Leyous
Signature of person enlisted.

D.877/L.16.—C.903.

* 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 19. 8. 18

L. J. Binnie
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

3, William John Lyons swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 13th Sept 1915 until the end of the War, and a further period of 12 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.

William John Lyons
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Gladesville in the State of N.S.W. this thirteenth day of August 19 15, before me—

L. J. Binnie
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.

23170 **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 15th. BATTALION. A.I.F. Squadron, Troop, }
Battery or Company }
Regimental No. 4544 Rank Private
Surname LYONS Christian Names William John
Date 8th August 1916 Place France
Died Cause of Death* KILLED IN ACTION
Nature and Date of Report Court of Enquiry Proceedings dated 1-5-17.
By whom made Commanding Officer, 15th. Battalion, A.I.F.
* specify 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.
Particulars not yet to hand
Burial Place Particulars not yet to hand Date --
By whom reported --
State whether he leaves (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 61) (b) in Small Book (if at Base) (c) as a separate document
a Will or not Will not received

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.M.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.

Station and Date ANZAC SECTION, 3RD. ECHELON, G. H.Q. Signature of Officer in charge of Section [Signature] Lieut.
Adjutant-General's Office at the Base
B.E.F. 23-5-17.
Form B. 2090A

Officer i/c Records.

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 19th August 1915
Place Gladstone G. H.Q.

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 _____

Date _____

Place _____

Commanding _____

D. 577/A. 15.—C. 4027.

Description of William John Lyons on Enlistment.

14 years 2 months.

5 feet 9 inches.

140 lbs.

Measurement 33-36 inches.

Complexion Fair

Brown

Brown

Religious Denomination R. C.

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

6/9

6/9

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; ed varicocele with unusually pendent testicle; inveterate cutaneous disease; chronic ulcers; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of having been marked with the letters "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 19th August 1915

Place Glasston B. S. Camp

Agnes J. J. J.
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 _____

Date _____

Place _____

Commanding _____

CARD CHECKED *Hand*
CARD CHECKED

Statement of Service of No. *H5H4* Name *William John Lyons*

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
<i>14/15 Rfts</i>	TAKEN ON STRENGTH	<i>19.8.15</i>		
<i>Brigade France 20/4/16</i>	<i>Brigade France 20/4/16</i>	<i>2.4.16</i>		<i>95127 30.4.16</i>
	<i>72 hours. No 2 P. Coy 60' 15 Rfts</i>	<i>3.7.16</i>		<i>7559 15.7.16</i>
	MISSING			
	<i>France</i>	<i>8.8.16</i>		<i>89-8390 30.8.16</i>
	<i>complete entry. Reason for</i> <i>62 00 69 8340. Details complete entry</i> <i>and in his clerical record.</i> <i>(15 At. Code of frequency 1/1/1)</i>			<i>89-A.D.I.</i> <i>Missing.</i>
<i>15 1/2</i>	<i>how rep.</i> KILLED IN ACTION.	<i>France 8.8.16</i>		<i>24/5072 14/1/17</i> <i>C112L 1375</i>

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

J. Wheeler *Lieut.*
O/C 14th of 15th Rfts.

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AUSTRALIAN



MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 4544

Name

Lyons William John

Unit

14/15th Rb

Joined on

19. 8. 15

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... William John Lyons
2. In the Parish of ... in or near the Town of Bundaberg in the County of Cook
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... Yes
4. What is your age? ... 21 2/12 years
5. What is your trade or calling? ... labour
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, Mr. John Lyons, Tooloona, Queensland.
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 ... 2 years 3rd Inf.
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... no
14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—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, William John Lyons, 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 19. 8. 15W. J. Lyons

Signature of person enlisted.

D.277/L.15.—C.203.

* 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.

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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 19.8.15

[Signature]
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

3. William John Lyons. swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 13th Dec 1915 until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

SO HELP ME, GOD.

William John Lyons
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Gladstone in
the State of Queensland
this fourteenth day _____ of
aug 1915, 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.

Description of William John Lyons on Enlistment.

Age 21 years 2 months.
 Height 5 feet 9 inches.
 Weight 140 lbs.
 Chest Measurement 33-36 inches.
 Complexion Fair
 Eyes Brown
 Hair Brown
 Religious Denomination R. C.

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

6/9
6/9.

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 19th Aug 1918
 Place Gloucester

Wm. J. Lyons

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 _____

Date _____

Place _____

Commanding _____

D.377/A.15.—C.4977.

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Name _____

William John Lyons

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
14/15 RIF		19.8.15		

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

O/C 14th of 15th Rfls

L Y O N S.		William John. 13	4544	14/15th Btn
Surname.		Other Names.	Regimental No.	Unit.
WAR CRIMINALS SECTION				
PURPORT.				
Embkd at Brisbane per H.M.A.T. A62 "Wandilla" 31/1/16				
Pte				
8/8/16 Missing -				
8/8/16 MISSING				
8.8.16. Missing, France.z				
-2/4/16. Rfts. Joined 15th Battn. at Serapeum (MN)				
CRIME France 30/6/16 Awd 72hours F.P. No2 (OL)				
Cble 6996.i.i.				
8/8/21/19-16				
BEFO.68/1-16				
MEFP 41/7-16				
BEFO57/1/16				
AUTHORITY.				
D 825/2.16.-C.924.				

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Re Sir W. Lyons

Subscribed of

4544 Sir Lyons William John

Apparently he was 14/15 in 1844

18/3/16

18/3/16

Gladstone.
March 9. 1916.

W. M. Bailey
any trace
14/3

To The Minister. of Authorities.

Dear Sir. I am writing you these few lines, as I have a Brother, Private W. J. Lyons sailed for Egypt on the 31st of January. And we heard here from several that the Boat left Brisbane at that date, was sunk two days after she left Melbourne. We looked in every paper we could get, but saw nothing about it. And we haven't had only one letter from him since he sailed, and we think that was from Sydney. And we are very upset not knowing if it is true or not. So Dear Sir. Will you let me know, as soon as you receive this, and by doing so you will greatly oblige. The B. S. Mandilla was the Boat he left by. There may not be any truth in it, but we are terrible upset over it. So hoping you will let me know as soon as possible.

Add Miss May depends.
1004 My little house.
Gladstone Office.
Gladstone Queensland.
Miss May depends.

I am Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
Miss May depends.

BASE RECORD
114 MAR 16N
RECEIVED

BR

16th March

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45888

Dear Madam,

In acknowledging receipt of your letter dated 9th instant concerning your brother, No. 4544 Private W. J. Lyons, 14th Reinforcements, 15th Battalion I have to state there is no truth in the rumour respecting the "Wandilla"

Letters should be addressed to this soldier as follows :-

No. 4544 Private W. J. Lyons,
14th Reinforcements,
15th Battalion,
Australian Imperial Force,
Egypt.

Any news received at this office concerning the soldier will be promptly communicated to his father as next-of-kin.

Yours faithfully,

Capt.
Officer i/c Base Records.

Miss M. Lyons,
1st Railway Gate House,
Post Office,
Gladstone,
North Coast Line, Q.

L.O'R.

778

5th October,

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Dear Madam,

In acknowledging receipt of your letter dated 27th ultimo, I have to state that since the report that he was reported missing 8/8/16 no further particulars have been received concerning your brother No.4544 Private W.J. Lyons, 15th Battalion.

It is understood the overseas authorities are doing their utmost to trace members of the force reported missing, and the Department is hopeful of being shortly in a position to afford you more definite information.

Yours faithfully,

Major,
Officer i/c Base Records.

Miss M. Lyons,
Grand Hotel,
GLADSTONE, QLD.

WJL

Mr. Lyons
30-9-16

MADE RECORDS
30 SEP 16
RECEIVED

Grand Hotel.
Gladstone.
Sept 27th 1916.

To The Base Record Office
Melbourne. Queensland
Australia.

CORRESPONDENCE
SECTION.
OCT 8 1916
RECEIVED.
50R 2/5/10.

Dear Sir, Just a line to ask you if
you will oblige me by letting me
know further reports of my Brother
Private W. J. Lyons. A. Company
No 4544. We got a cable to say he
is missing since the 8th of August
over a week ago, and it is very
trying waiting to get further news
concerning him. So hoping you will
oblige me by letting me know
further news. I am sorry to trouble
you Sir, but I would like to hear
more of him. I am Sir.

Yours in haste.
Miss Maggie Lyons.
Grand Hotel
Gladstone.

Grand Hotel.
Gladstone.
Nov 16. 1916

To The Officer in charge.
Base Record.
Melbourne.

15-18
W. Shore
25/1
Dear Sir, just a line to ask you
if you would be kind enough to let
me know. do you think there is
any hope of my Brother Private W. J. Lyons. As
he was reported missing since 8th of August
1916. And we have received no further news of
him since, only a form on Wednesday last
to say his money was canceled after the
16th of November. It is over three months now since
we got the cable, And it is very trying
waiting for word one way or the other, Hoping
it is not putting you out in any way,
but trusting to receive a reply from you
as soon as possible.

I am.

Yours Faithfully.

Miss Maggie Lyons.
Grand Hotel.

Gladstone, Ild. Australia.

CORRESPONDENCE
SECTION.

NOV 25 1916

RECEIVED

25/11/16



P.M.

27th November, 196.

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Dear Madam,

In acknowledging receipt of your letter dated 16th instant, I regret to state, since the report that he was "Missing 8/8/16", nothing further is to hand concerning your brother, No. 4544 Private W. J. Lyons, 15th Battalion. I would add, however, the Authorities Overseas are, it is understood, using their utmost endeavours to trace those members of the Force so reported, and the Department is hopeful of being able to afford more definite information in the near future.

Any reports that may come to hand will be promptly communicated to next-of-kin, shown as father.

Yours faithfully,

Miss M. Lyons,
Grand Hotel,
Gladstone, Q.

Major.
Officer i/c Base Records.

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H544 *L* yano W J. O.F.B. W.B. Shore

25-11-16

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Yd.
Sir, could you kindly
tell me where I
could write to
my Brother if he
is a Prisoner.
of War.
To Mrs Peace,
Melbourne.

Gladstone,
Dec 10. 1916.
Op Grand Hotel.

Dear Sir, I am sorry to have to trouble
you. But I want to ask you. If you cannot
give me any information concerning my Brother.
Reported missing since 8th of August last. And
how is it his pay has been stopped, and you
don't know whether he is dead or a Prisoner.
his two mates, the Hardy Boys, weren't missing
till a month after my Brother and they
have been found as Prisoners and no
further word of my son Brother. Aint we
intental to a mention, if nothing else, It is
very hard on me as I looked after him since
his father died when I see others getting mail
from there sons and Brothers, and no trace
of mine. Couldent you try and find out if he
is a Prisoner or not. As it seems funny I
havent had any mail from him if he is
a Prisoner. So trusting you will do your
best for me. And you will gratefully oblige.
Miss Maggie Lyons.
Op Grand Hotel.
Gladstone. Qld.

Use this for Reply Only - The Sender to Fold Down This Flap before fastening the outer flap.

My Brother is.

Private W. J. Lyons.

No 45 Ht.

Gladstone, Queensland.

Australia.

Reported missing since ^{Ht} 8 of August 1916.
some where in France.

24325

20th December 1916

Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 10th instant, concerning the case of your brother, No.4544 Private W.J.Lyons, 15th Battalion, and regret that no further reports have been received concerning him since he was posted missing on 8/8/16. As intimated in my previous communication to you of the 27th ultimo, every effort is being put forth by the Overseas Authorities to obtain authentic evidence with a view to finalising these unsatisfactory cases - so far his name has not appeared amongst the lists of Prisoners of War that have been supplied. Anything further coming to hand will, of course, be promptly transmitted.

As regards the cessation of his allotment of pay, this is in accordance with the policy of the Government by which the allotments of all Missing soldiers automatically cease 2 months after they are so reported, and dependents are, in the meantime, expected to submit their claims for consideration under the War Pensions Act. Full information on the preparation of the necessary forms can be obtained from the Local Registrar of Old Age Pensions.

Yours faithfully,

Major.
Officer i/o Base Records.

Miss M.Lyons,
C/O Grand Hotel,
Gladstone, Q'LAND.

address to Mrs W. V. Coase
View Street.
West Gladstone^{Qld}
Mar 22nd 17

To The Officer in
Charge Base Records.
Office, Melbourne

Dear Sir some
time ago we were advised (my father was)
of No 4544 Private W. J. Lyons 14th Regt 15th Bde
being missing, since then we have made
attempts every where to try & trace him, but
with out fail, on Friday March 16th 1917
my little boy of six years old, & nephew
of the above soldier, received from a
Chaplain Edwards, a small parcel which
he got on the body of a soldier at Pozieres,
There were cards which my little boy had
put into a wallet, which he had made a
present of to Private W. J. Lyons, a prayer
book was also sent, which was found
with the cards on the body. Can you give
me any particulars, how the Defence Dept.
cannot find out any thing of this soldier,
I think it seems strange, that this Chaplain

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could find those things on the body & the
Defence cannot trace him, I know what
a big task there is in attending to so very
many sick & wounded as well as I had
killed in action & as a favor I am on
behalf of my father (Mr. J. Lyons Looloo & the
Gladstone) asking if you can give me any
information in the case, Private Lyons
was posted as missing on the 8th August 1916
since then we have had no news or word
from him whatever, & as the parcel which
this very kind gentleman has returned
to my little boy, are the very things with
our own handwriting on, & which, through my
boy having his name & address on, were
sent on & addressed to him, we have every
reason to believe that this soldier has
been killed, & not hearing from him since
missing, makes us think all the more, He
was a regular letter writer up till then,
I will enclose with this letter a copy of
which my boy received it is addressed
to Mr. but the Chaplain evidently thinks
he is a grown up, & as he is only six I
am taking his place in this matter

I am a sister of Private Lyons & will be very thankful to you, if you can give me any little information at all. We are all very grateful to this Chaplain for being so kind in forwarding on the little things, & by letting you know, & giving you those particulars, you might be able to get some little information for yourselves as well as for us.

I hope I am not asking too much of your valuable time, but will feel very grateful if you will answer my letter.

Thanking you again

Yours very sincerely

M^{rs} W. V. Coase

NO 4544

(Private W. J. Lyons)

14th Regt 15th Dist

4th Inf. Brigade

posted as missing
August 8th 1916

Copy of the letter only
which we received

M^{rs} Leonard Boase
Glastone

Lyons
12th - *of* F. Artillery Bazaar
A. J. F.
24th Jan /17

Shore
27/3

Dear Sir

Under separate cover, I am sending
on R.C. Prayer Book, which I picked up on a
body at Poziers. Doubtless you will be able
to identify the owner, I thought perhaps news
of the certainty of the death of the owner
would be of use, I can't say comfort,
Hoping I am doing right & not harm
in returning this little token

Faithfully yours

Cecil H. Edwards, C.F.
of Holy Trinity Church
South Brisbane

*Bound
today late
27/3*



27/3

JML/ RC

51151

2nd April 1917.

Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 22nd ult., concerning the case of No. 4544 Private W. J. Lyons, 15th Battn., who is officially posted as missing since 8.8.1916, and in view of the contents have despatched an enquiry to A. I. F. Headquarters, Abroad.

As soon as their reply is to hand, you will be again communicated with.

Yours faithfully,

Major.

Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. W. V. Cease,
View St.,
WEST FLADSTONE, Q.

M.B.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.



110, GREYHOUND ROAD,

FULHAM, LONDON,

W.6. S.W.

Telephone:—HAMMERSMITH 1899.

KIT STORE.

Inventory of ~~Exhibits~~ Property of 4544.Pte Lyons W.J.15th Btn.A.I.F.

Forwarded to—

FATHER.

Mr J.J.Lyons,
Toolooa Street,
Gladstone,
Queensland.

(Reported Missing)

Since reported deceased.

MARATHON

Property.

Ex. Kit Store
Book.5.

) Scarf, Candlestick, Book.
)

No. of Package

M. D/S. 14445

Checked by

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B.R. Form No. 2.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS,

MELBOURNE, 7th January, 1918.

Dear Sir,

Forwarded herewith, per separate registered post, is one package containing personal effects of the late No. 4544 Private W.J. Lyons, 15th Battalion, received ex "Marathon" as per inventory attached.

(Enclosure.)

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

Yours faithfully,

Registered Packet No. 426 G. P. O. Melbourne.

J. M. LEAN, Major,

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

D 182/3.17.—C.3409.

Mr. J.J. Lyons,
Toolooa St.,
Gladstone,
Queensland.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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Base Records Office,

Melbourne, 6th July, 1921.

Mr. J. J. Lyons,

Tooleen Street,

GLAISTONE, OLD.

Dear Sir,

I regret very much that, notwithstanding the efforts of our Graves Services Unit, we have so far been unable to obtain any trace of the last resting place of

your son the late No. 4544 Private

W. J. Lyons, 15th Battalion,

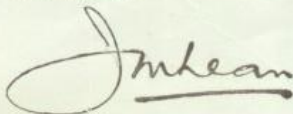
and, so that no possible source of information shall be overlooked, I shall be much obliged if you will let me have on loan any letters or communications that contain any reference to the circumstances surrounding his death, particularly the exact locality at which it occurred, or where he was last seen alive. Of course any information you may have received as to his burial would be of the greatest assistance. The reason these steps are being taken is to identify, if at all possible, those bodies that are being recovered but which have nothing on them to definitely establish identification, and thus obviate the necessity of interring them in the new Military Cemeteries under the heading "An Unknown Australian Soldier."

Only those portions of any letters having a direct bearing or reference to the above need be forwarded. They will be carefully preserved and returned without delay.

If you have nothing that will help, would you kindly let us know, so that we can advise the overseas authorities.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,



MAJOR,

Officer in Charge Base Records.

To the Officer in Charge Base Records,
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne.

(KINDLY SUBMIT YOUR REPLY HEREUNDER.)

(Place) _____

(Date) _____

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regimental No. 544 Rank Plt Name Lyons William
 Enlisted (a) 19-8-15 Terms of Service (a) Duration of Service Service reckons from (a) 15/8/15
 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, 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				
1/6/16	From whom received	Marched in to Camp Zejtoun		1/3/16	AP5552
3/7/16	From whom received	Joined 1st Bn. Despatched to join B.E.F. at Dunkirk	Alexandria	6/16	AP/5602 LR/5755
13/8/16	From whom received	Awarded 1st Bn. Despatched to join B.E.F. at Dunkirk	France	30/10/16	A.R. 989 57/7559
23/9/16	From whom received	Still missing via B.E. Coast of England of 22/9/16	France	8/8/16	B.E. 278 16 58
	From whom received		do	8/8/16	68/5340
	From whom received			8/8/16	68/5340

(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, Shoemaker, 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				
	<i>Cable to London. Hqs. British Army. Forwarded to</i>			<i>6/4/17</i>	<i>1BL 2418 ARS 870</i>
<i>1.5.17</i>	<i>To Gen.</i>	<i>Report of Enquiry held at Quetta on 11/5/17. Result: no new report. Killed in action.</i>	<i>Quetta</i>	<i>8.8.16</i>	<i>20.29/3292 19/529/1 Cavalry 87577 V.L.300</i>
ORIGINAL. Copies forwarded to Administrative London, Defence, Melbourne and C.P.M. with 2090A on 8/5/1917.			Headqrs.,		Lieut. Officer i/c Records.

Army Form B. 103.

4544 Regimental Number

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps **15th. BATTALION, A.I.F. /14th Rft.**

Rank **Private** Surname **LYONS** Christian Name **William John**

Religion **War & 4 months** Age on Enlistment **19-8-15** years **19-8-15** months

Enlisted (a) **19-8-15** Terms of Service (a) **War & 4 months** Service reckons from (a) **19-8-15**

Date of promotion to present rank **19-8-15** Date of appointment to lance rank **19-8-15**

Extended **19-8-15** Re-engaged **19-8-15** Qualification (b) **19-8-15** or Corps Trade and Rate **19-8-15**

Occupation **19-8-15** Signature of Officer **19-8-15**

Date	Report		Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents
		From whom received			
7-3-16	Nom. Roll.		Zeitoun	7-3-16 AP5552	
7-4-16	B213.15th.Bn		Sergeant	2-4-16 AL430.	D.O.41/5127
1-6-16	C.O.Tpt. "Transylvania"		Alexandria	1-6-16 AP8602	
3-7-16	G.O.15th.Bn.		Marseilles	8-6-16 LR5755	
		CRIME : Drunkenness 30-6-16	"Field"	30-6-16 AQ989.	D.O.57/
		AWARD : 72 Hours F P No 2			
		by C/O 15th Bn AIF 3-7-16			
13-8-16	B213.15th.Bn	Missing in Action	do.	8-8-16 AQ3075	D.O.6
				Cabled 27-8-16	

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

(b) Signaller, Shoeing-Smith, &c.

(6228). W. 13563/1477 2,400.00 1/17 MGA & W Ltd Forms B.103/4 (E, 856)

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1-9-16	4th Aust. Inf Brigade	"Still Missing" vide 15th Battalion Court of Enquiry held on 22-9-16	"Field"	8-8-16	30/529/2.
1-5-17	C/O 15th Bn	Court of Enquiry held at Ribemont on 1-5-17 :- Previously reported missing 8-8-16 now reported KILLED IN ACTION	"Field"	8-8-16	Cabled 8-5-17. VI 340 19/529/4. D.O.29/3272.
3rd. ECHELON,	Anzac Section, G.H.Q.,	(Sgd) D R CROOKS Officer i/c Records.	D R CROOKS Officer i/c Records.	Lieut. Records.	

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 4544

Rank

Pte

Name

Lyons. W.J.

Unit

15th Battr.

Casualty

8/8/16. Missing. Cibl. 369/69961 dj. London 5/9/16. 16/11/21

"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST."

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Despatched 21.11.21

REF. NO.

PURPORT.

BA 279

DATE.

12 SEP 1915

25-9-16

4.5.17

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20.11.17

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M.D. 1 ADVISED, MISSING.

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M.C. 1 ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION.

A.A. Co. Advised re Casualty vide Statement No 20

Court of Inquiry proceedings received - B.R.M. 22/1443 X in a.

PERSONAL EFFECTS ...

WAR HISTORY INDEX

Quarter B.R.M. 46/1808 & Booklet re Graves despatched 5.1.20
BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt 1st M.D.B.R.M. 54/32



MEMORIAL SCROLL

To Father

No 9

323/10

16.11.21

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