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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES



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# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

## Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 4797 Name Gates Thomas  
 Unit 15/15 Batt.  
 Joined on SEP 21 1915

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

1. What is your Name? ... Thomas Gates
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ...  
 2. In the Parish of ... in or  
 near the Town of Tyrene  
 in the County of Ireland
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 13/12
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 of J. Gates 19 Brook St. Milltown  
Ferry St. Dungannon Co Tyrene  
Ireland
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 Army? ... 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 ... No
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

Thomas Gates

I, Thomas Gates, 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,\* † wife and children.

Date SEP 21 1915

T. Gates  
 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 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 SEP 21 1915

R. L. Higgins  
Signature of Attesting Officer

Army Form

Rank PRIVATE

Religion, .....

Enlisted (21)

Date of prom

Extended {

Occupation...

Date

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1.9.16 B213 4th

10.16

10.16 B213 15

6.17 B213 15

6.17 4th Aus

5.17 No 2 Au

5.17 H.S. "St

(a) In the case of  
(b) Signaller, Shoe

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.\*

I, Thomas Gates swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from SEP 21 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.

T. Gates  
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Brisbane in the State of Queensland this 21 day of Sept 1915, before me—

R. L. Higgins  
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.

**Casualty Form—Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps **15th Battalion A.I.F. 15th Reinforcements**  
 Rank **Private** Surname **G A T E S** Christian Name **Thomas**  
 Religion ..... Age on Enlistment ..... years ..... months  
 Enlisted (**21.9.15**) Terms of Service (**1 Year 4 Months**) Service reckons from (a) .....  
 Date of promotion to present rank ..... Date of appointment to lance rank .....  
 Extended (.....) Re-engaged (.....) Qualification (b) .....  
 Occupation ..... or Corps Trade and rate .....  
 Signature of Officer .....

Date	Report From whom received	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.
		Embarked	Australia		
	"Megantic"	"Commonwealth"	Disembarked	Egypt	
		Embarked to join B.E.F.	Alexandria	5.5.16	A.P.7816
0.12.16	Overseas List	Admitted Military Hosp	Fargo N.Y.D.	6.8.16	A.P.9461
1.9.16	B213 4th A.D.B.D.	Marched in from England	Etaples	10.9.16	A.X.3428
10.16	do	Proceeded to join 15th Bn.	do	24.9.16	A.Q.7253
10.16	B213 15th Bn.	Taken on strength 15th Bn.	Field	2.10.16	A.X.2049
				4.10.16	A.Q.7913
6.17	B213 15th Bn.	Sick to hospital	do		D.O.82/9577
6.17	4th Aust Field Amb.	"Influenza"	Adm & Transferred	Field	29.5.17 D8/22 D034/385
5.17	No 2 Aust Gen Hosp.	do	Admitted	Wimereux	29.5.17 A.K.1325/30
	do	do	Transferred to Eng.	do	30.5.17 A.K.1325/17
5.17	H.S. "St Patrick"	do	Embarked for England	Boulogne	31.5.17 A.K.1325/15
					31.5.17 A.K.1325/37
					D.O.34/3940

(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 in the appropriate column of the above form.  
 (b) Signaller, Shoeing-Smith, &c.  
 W. 5527-52007 1000m 7/17 (M488) C. F. & S. Ltd. Forms B.103 E/1355 (P.T.O.)

1915

*M. B. Cameron*  
 Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

**DECLARATION OF COMMANDING OFFICER.**

is Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that  
 been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him

Commanding

4797 Private GATES Thomas 15th Battalion

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.
Date	From whom received Hospital				
1.6.17	Northampton War Hospital	Influenza Admitted	Duston	1.6.17	H.R.43 DO39/E 20.6.17
23.7.17	do	Discharged to furlough and report Perham Downs	do	23.7.17	
12.8.17	No 1 Command Dep.	Marched in from Furlough and Classified B1A2	Perham Downs	7.8.17	L.R.6871
15.8.17	do	Transferred to overseas T.B.	do	15.8.17	L.R.7821
5.9.17	O/Seas Trng Bde	Proceeded overseas France	Southampton	5.9.17	L.R.7821 DO 63/E 12.9.17
6.9.17	4th A.D.B.D.	Marched in from England	Havre	5.9.17	D75/17
16.9.17	do	Marched out to unit	do	14.9.17	D75/24
22.9.17	B123 15th Bn.	Rejoined 15th Battalion	Field	16.9.17	D8/38 DO 51/6346
6.10.17	C.O.Cas.List	)			A.T.17075 V.L.507 22.10.17
20.10.17	B213 15th Bn.	) Wounded in Action	Field	( 15.10.17	DO56/7046 D8/42
20.12.17	C.O.15th Bn.	) Previously reported Wounded	15.10.17		19/529/28 V.L.567 of 21.12.17
22.12.17	B213 15th Bn.	) now reported: -KILLED IN ACTION. Belgium	15.10.17	D8/51 DO 64/7932	
Anzac Section			(SGD.) S.H. CRAWFORD		Capt.
3rd Echelon G H Q					Officer i/c Records
British Expeditionary Force					

*T. Gates*

Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Brisbane in  
the State of Queensland  
this 21 day \_\_\_\_\_ of  
Sept 1915, before me—

*R. Higgins*  
Signature of Attesting Officer.

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**FIELD SERVICE.**

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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. 4797 Rank Private  
Surname G A T E S Christian Names Thomas  
Died { Date 15th October 1917 Place Belgium  
Cause of Death\* KILLED IN ACTION  
Nature and Date of Report Army Form B213 dated 22-12-17  
By whom made Commanding Officer, 15th 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.

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

Station and Date } 3rd. BACHELON, G.H. Signature of Officer in charge of Section } W. Stanford Capt.  
B.E.F. 9-1-18. Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } Officer i/c Records.

W2088/M1765-500,000-11 & Sr.-5/17-(10489)-Forma/B2090A/2.

I consider him fit for active service.

Date SEP 2/ 1915

Place BRISBANE.

M. G. Cameron  
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.4627.

Attestation of Thomas Gates on Enlistment.

21 years 3 months.  
5 feet 4 inches.  
138 lbs.

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

Fair well marked on face.

Measurement 36-37 1/2 inches.

Complexion Ruddy

Hair Grey  
Brown

6/24 6/18

Religion both

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 in vision, voice, or hearing; hernia; hæmorrhoids; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent; hydrocele or 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 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 kind.

I consider him fit for active service.

Date SEP 21 1915

Place BRISBANE.

M. G. Cameron  
Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Commanding \_\_\_\_\_

B13 France  
22.6.14 R. No 412

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Statement of Service of No. 4794 Name Galls Thomas

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
6 <sup>th</sup> Coy 5 <sup>th</sup> 10.13 15/15		21.9.15	17.12.15	
	12 <sup>th</sup> Draft B'f'ts. B.E.F. joined 15 <sup>th</sup> Bn from 4 <sup>th</sup> Aust Div Base Depot. Etaples adm. Molligkorp Largo S.P. N.Y.D. E.R. 5216.	18.12.15	4.10.16	9577. 18.10.16
15 <sup>th</sup> Btn	Pte) Adm. horse transport War. Spl. Influenza etc E.R. 43.	Duston	1-6-17	Pte 39/3899E/20/6/17
15 <sup>th</sup> Btn	Pte) To Hosp. Sick:		29-5-17	Pte II 34/3856/13/6/17
" " "	Pte) Embarked on H/S. "St Patrick's" at Boulogne for England Influenza		27-5-17	Pte II 34/3940/13-6-17
	Pte) of 1 <sup>st</sup> Div France via ex of 1 <sup>st</sup> Div Tng Bde Perham	Lauchampton	5/9/17	2R 7821 20/63/E .2/9/17. 15056
	Pte) Rejoined Battalion from sick ex England		16-9-17	Pte 2/51/63/66 29.9.17
	Pte) Wounded in Action		15.10.17	Pte 2/56/7046 26/10/17
15 <sup>th</sup> Bn	Pte. - Prev reported Wounded in Action KILLED IN ACTION. Buried.	France	15 10 17	1910 64/7732. 27/12/17. 2/1384 17/12/17 C1136 2155 2.1.61 Sheet 469.W. B 485

copy sent to pensions 4.1.18 they are to be considered of full promotions that come through orders.

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

SEE COPY A.F. 8103 ENCLOSED

R. J. [Signature]



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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 4797

Name Gates Thomas

Unit 15/15 Batty

Joined on SEP 21 1915

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Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... Thomas Gates
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... Tyrene, Ireland
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? ... Yes
4. What is your age? ... 21 / 3 / 12
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Labourer
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? ... No
7. Are you married? ... No
8. Who is your next of kin? ... Father Mr J. Gates, 19 Brook St. Milltown, Perry St, Dungannon, Co Tyrone, Ireland
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? ... No
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? ... No
14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother) ...
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... Yes

I, Thomas Gates 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 SEP 21 1915

J. Gates 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 SEP 21 1915

*R. H. Higgins Esq.*  
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.\*

3, Thomas Gates swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from SEP 21 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.

*T. Gates*

Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Brisbane in the State of Queensland

this 21 day of

Sept 1915, before me—

*R. H. Higgins Esq.*  
Signature of Attesting Officer.

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Description of Thomas Gates on Enlistment.

Age 21 years 3 months.  
 Height 5 feet 4 inches.  
 Weight 138 lbs.  
 Chest Measurement 36-37 1/2 inches.  
 Complexion Ruddy  
 Eyes Green  
 Hair Brown  
 Religious Denomination Ch. of E.

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

Scar vaccine marks  
L arm (:::)

6/24-6/18

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 SEP 21 1919

Place BRISBANE.

M. G. ...  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Service of No. 4797

Name Thomas Gates

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
<u>Co Bay 5 DB</u> <u>15/15</u>		<u>21. 9 15</u>	<u>17 12 15</u>	
		<u>18 12 15</u>		

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

H 799

15 Btn

Gates J

Pension  
9/10/18  
7/6

Dead

189 Form Z. 3.

Statement No. ....

Date **15 FEB 1918** .....

(This statement contains 23 sheets.)

**Statement of WAR PENSION CLAIMS (MILITARY) which have been determined.**

A.3623

State of Thomas Gates P.A.6186

1. Full name of Member of Forces in respect of whose death or incapacity pension was claimed ... ..	<b>4797. Pte. 15th Battn.</b>	
2. Member's number, rank, and unit ... ..	<b>Rebecca Gates, 19 Brook St. Milltown.</b>	
3. Full name and address of person for whom pension was claimed ... ..	<b>Mother</b>	<b>Dungannon, Co. Tyrone Ireland.</b>
4. Relationship of such person to Member of Forces ... ..	<b>7/6d p.f. Com. 17.2.18</b>	
5. Result of Claim ... ..		<b>A.3623</b>
6. Name and address of Trustee (if any) ... ..		<b>P.A.6187</b>
1. Full name of Member of Forces in respect of whose death or incapacity pension was claimed ... ..	<b>John Gates, (above address)</b>	
2. Member's number, rank, and unit ... ..	<b>Father</b>	
3. Full name and address of person for whom pension was claimed ... ..	<b>7/6d p.f. Com. 17.2.18.</b>	
4. Relationship of such person to Member of Forces ... ..		
5. Result of Claim ... ..		<b>A.3639</b>
6. Name and address of Trustee (if any) ... ..		<b>P.A.6188</b>

2nd MILITARY DISTRICT

LIST NO. 154

AGT.

No.	Rank	Name	Unit	Born	Attested	Age	Trade	Reln.
625	Dvr.	FRANCIS, Wm. Alfd.	1st Pnrs.	Neutral Bay	Kensington	22. 8.14	20/1 Baker	C.E.
1417	Spr.	FRASER, Jack Hume	1st Pnrs.	Scotland	Caesula	7. 2.16	33/6 Plumber	Pres.
2070	Pte.	GANTLEY, John	9th LTMB.	Bendigo, V.	W. Waitland	5. 4.16	35/8 Laborer	R.C.
4190	"	GARDINER, Geo. Albt.	M.G. Dtle.	Goulburn	Holdswothy	29. 9.15	34/5 Farmer	C.E.
9906	Gnr.	GARDNER, Daniel	1st F.A.B.	Scotland	"	12.10.15	44 Laborer	Pres.
3280	Pte.	GARLAND, John	3rd Bn.	England	Warwickfarm	21. 8.15	33 Bricklayer	"
2514	"	GARNER, Alfd. Edwd.	56th "	Yaso	Goulburn	17. 2.16	21/7 Grezier	C.E.
6106	Cpl.	GATES, HV. Jas	20th "	England	Sydney	29. 5.16	29 Loco. Driver	"
4430	Pte.	GEARY, Wm.	18th "	Camden	Caesula	13. 1.16	32/10 Painter	---
7587	"	GHANBAR, Abas BhaWooddeen	3rd "	India	Sydney	5.10.17	36/7 Hawker	R.C.
5367	"	GINN, Wm.	1st "	Goulburn	Goulburn	23. 1.16	19/8 Farm Hand	C.E.
76	"	GLEN, Lloyd	34th "	Inverell	Narrabri	7.12.15	27/11 Laborer	Pres.
3379	"	GLOVER, Harold Chas.	53rd "	Narrabri	N. Sydney	8. 1.17	25/9 "	Meth.
18941	Spr.	GOODALL, Thos. Burt	10th FORG.	Sydney	Sydney	21. 5.17	22/4 Plumber	Pres.
6511	pte.	GOODHEAD, Fredk. Arnold	3rd SP.	Melbourne	"	14. 3.16	35/3 Rly. Employee	R.C.
782	Spr.	GOODMAN, Sidney Goodliff	2nd Tin. Coy.	England	Caesula	22.11.15	29/1 Rockhopper Sever Miner	C.E.

POST



CARD.



THE OFFICER IN CHARGE,  
THE A.I.F. KIT STORE,  
110, GREYHOUND ROAD,  
FULHAM,  
LONDON, S.W. 6

GATES, T

I hereby acknowledge receipt of one package, No. 28902  
being the effects of the late 4797 Gates, T

15th Btn

A. B. F

24th 2nd 1918

Signature John Gates

Address 19 Brook St. Newtown  
New South Wales

Received with thanks

Date 21st February 1918





M. B. A.

No. 4797.

----- Private Thomas Gates,  
15th Battalion,  
Australian Imperial Force.

XXXXX was Killed in Action,-----

xxx in Belgium, 15th October, 17.

Cables Nos. C.I.B.L.

2155 and C.I.B.L. 2161, from the Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters,  
dated London, 22nd and 27th December, 1917, respectively, confirmed  
by Mail from the Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters, dated London,  
28th and 31st December, 1917, respectively, and Army Form B 2090a #

29th August, 18. Major.

Pay Department,  
Victoria Barracks,  
BRISBANE, 19th August, 1918.

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The Officer in Charge,  
Base Records Office,  
Department of Defence,  
MELBOURNE.

re the late No. 4797, Private Thomas GATES.  
15th Reinforcements  
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I shall be glad if you will kindly forward at your earliest convenience, certificate in connection with the death of the abovenamed soldier, who was reported killed in Action on 15.10.17.

J. T. FITZGERALD Major.  
DISTRICT PAYMASTER, 1st M.D.

ps/

33630

M. B. A.

D. P. M.,  
1st M. D.

Certificate herewith.

MELBOURNE.

Major.

15th April 1918  
D.T.  
4797

15th April, 1918.

Sir,

9th instant,

No. 4797, Private T. Gates, 15th Battalion.

The Public Curator,  
Box 791, .GP.O.

BRISBANE. Q'ld.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE,  
MELBOURNE,

Dear

I am in receipt of cable advice to the effect that

is returning to Australia and is due in about  
the It is regretted that the movements or name of the  
transport on which he is arriving cannot be disclosed.

It is to be noted that owing to possible mutilations in the cabled advice and  
other causes this notification may not be correct pending verification from the roll on  
arrival of the Troopship.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. LEAN, Major,  
*Officer in Charge, Base Records.*

D.T.

No. 4797.

----- Private Thomas Gates,

15th Battalion,

Australian Imperial Force.

mxmxm was killed in action, -----

mm in Belgium

15th October, 17.

Cables Nos. C.I.B.L.

2155, and C.I.B.L. 2161, from the Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters, dated London, 22nd and 27th December, 1917, respectively, confirmed by Mail from the Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters, dated London, 28th and 31st December, 1917, respectively, and Army Form B.2090A.-----

15th April, 18.

Captain,

for

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*Officer in Charge, Base Records.*

No. 72.

All communications are to be addressed to  
The Public Curator,  
Box 791, G.P.O., Brisbane.



The Public Curator's Office,

Box 791, G.P.O.,

BRISBANE, April 9<sup>th</sup> 1918

In your reply please quote name of Estate  
and Number.

Re No 4797 Pte Jhd: Gates - 15<sup>th</sup> Batt. A.I.F. Deceased, No.

SIR,

I have the honour to request that you will kindly forward me  
Certificate of Death of the abovenamed deceased soldier, who, I  
understand, died on active service on 15<sup>th</sup> October 1917.

Yours faithfully,

*A. S. Brennan*

Public Curator.



*M. J. Morgan*  
12/4

THE OFFICER IN CHARGE,  
BASE RECORDS,  
VICTORIA BARRACKS,  
MELBOURNE.

**FIELD SERVICE.**

Army Form B. 2090A.

**REPORT** 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. 4797 Rank Private

Surname G A T E S Christian Names Thomas

Died { Date 15th October 1917 Place Belgium

{ Cause of Death\* KILLED IN ACTION

Nature and Date of Report Army Form B213 dated 22-12-17

By whom made Commanding Officer, 15th 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.

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

Australian Section, Station and Date } 3rd. ECHELON, G.H.Q. Signature of Officer in charge of Section } W. Lawford Capt. Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } Officer's Records.



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Army Form B. 103.

Regimental Number 4797.....

**Casualty Form - Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps. 15th. Battalion. A.I.F. 15th. Reinforcements

Rank. Private Surname. G A T E S Christian Name. Thomas

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

Enlisted (a) 21.9.15..... Terms of Service (a) *12 months* Service reckons from (a).....

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

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

Occupation { ..... } or Corps Trade and rate.....

Signature of Officer.....

Date	Report		Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 38, or other official documents.
	From whom received				
30.12.16	Overseas List		Australia		Embarked
24.9.16	B2134th A.D.B.D.	"Megantic"	Egypt	5.5.16	A.P. 7816
2.10.16	do		Alexandria	6.8.16	A.P. 9451
7.10.16	B213 15th Bn.		Fargo N.Y.D.	10.9.16	A.X. 3428
			Staples	24.9.16	A.Q. 7253
			do	2.10.16	A.X. 2049
			Field	4.10.16	A.Q. 7913
			do		D.O. 82/9577
2.6.17	B213 15th Bn.		do	29.5.17	D8/22 D034/3850
2.6.17	4th Aust Field Amb.	"Influenza"	Field	29.5.17	A.K. 1325/30
31.5.17	No 2 Aust Gen Hosp.	do	Wimereux	30.5.17	A.K. 1325/17
	do	do	do	31.5.17	A.K. 1325/15
31.5.17	H.S. "St Patrick"	do	Boulogne	31.5.17	A.K. 1325/37

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or called into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered on O. 34/3940 (P.T.O.)

(b) Signalier, Shoetlag-Smith, & Co. W. 4327-32009 1000m 7119 (passes) C. P. & S., Ltd. Forms B. 103 E/1855.

## 4797 Private GATES Thomas 15th Battalion

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.
Date	From whom received Hospital				
1.6.17	Northampton War Hospital	Influenza Admitted	Duston	1.6.17	H.R. 43 D039/E 20.6.17
23.7.17	do	Discharged to furlough and report Perham Downs	do	23.7.17	
12.8.17	No 1 Command Dep.	Marched in from Furlough and Classified BLA2	Perham Downs	7.8.17	L.R. 6971
15.8.17	do	Transferred to overseas T.B.	do	15.8.17	L.R. 7821
5.9.17	O/Seas Trng Bde	Proceeded overseas France	Southampton	5.9.17	L.R. 7821 DO 63/E 12.9.17
6.9.17	4th A.D.B.D.	Marched in from England	Havre	5.9.17	D75/17
16.9.17	do	Marched out to unit	do	14.9.17	D75/24
22.9.17	B123 15th Bn.	Rejoined 15th Battalion	Field	16.9.17	D8/38 DO 51/6346
6.10.17	C.O. Cas. List				A.T. 17075 V.L. 507 22.10.17
20.10.17	B213 15th Bn.	Wounded in Action	Field	15.10.17	D056/7046 D8/42
20.12.17	C.O. 15th Bn.	Previously reported Wounded	15.10.17		19/529/28 V.L. 567 of 21.12.17
22.12.17	B213 15th Bn.	now reported: -KILLED IN ACTION	Belgium	15.10.17	D8/51 DO 64/7932
<i>Anzac Section</i> 3rd Echelon, G.H.Q. British Expeditionary Force					
<i>Mearston Capt.</i> Officer i/c Records					

DIVISIONAL COLLECTING POST CEMETERY EXTENSION,  
ST. JEAN, 1½ miles N.N.E. of Ypres.

## GRAVES REGISTRATION UNIT.

SPECIAL MEMORIAL TO BE ERECTED."BURIED NEAR THIS SPOT."


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52nd Btn.	2128	BOHANE,	Pte. T.	18/10/17
		(Report St. Jean-les-Ypres. 61.45/E.)		
		Plot 11. Row H. Grave 22.		
24MGC.		COCHRANE	Lt. F.J.	17/10/17
		(Report St. Jean-les-Ypres. 61.45/E.)		
		Plot 11. Row H. Grave 19.		
15/Btn.	4797	GATES,	Pte. T.	15/10/17
		(Report St. Jean-les-Ypres. 61.45/E.)		
		Plot 11. Row H. Grave 17.		
		(Father) John Gates,		
		19 Brook Street,		
		Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, IRELAND.		
50/Btn.	6530	MARSHMAN,	Pte. H.H.S.	15/10/17
		(Report St. Jean-les-Ypres. 61.45/E.)		
		Plot 1. Row J. Grave 1.		
15/Btn.	6578	VAUBELL,	Pte. F.G.	15/10/17
		(Report St. Jean-les-Ypres. 61.45/E.)		
		Plot 11. Row H. Grave 18.		
15/Btn.	6838	SCOTT,	L/Cpl. H.	16/10/17
		(Report St. Jean-les-Ypres 61.45/E.)		
		Plot 11, Row H. Grave 16.		
		(Mother) Mrs. M. Scott,		
		Creevin, Inver.		
		Co. Donegal, IRELAND.		

ORIGINAL IN  
FILE OF FIRSTNAMED.

Army Form B. 103.

*Sheet 20*

Regimental Number *4797*

**Casualty Form - Active Service.**

Rank *Private* Surname *Swake* Regiment of Corps *15th Battalion* Christian Name *Thomas*  
 Religion ..... Age on Enlistment ..... years ..... months  
 Enlisted (a) ..... Terms of Service (a) ..... Service recions from (a) ..... months  
 Date of promotion to present rank ..... Date of appointment to lance rank .....  
 Extended { ..... } Re-engaged { ..... } Qualification (b) .....  
 Occupation ..... or Corps Trade and rate .....

Signature of Officer. \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported in 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					
			Embarbed ...			
			Disembarked ..			
			<i>ORIGINAL'S Copies forwarded to Office</i>			
			<i>Adm Signs repletd with 209078 JAM1918</i>			

(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, Shipping-Smth. &c.  
 W. 4427-2203 1900m 7117 (24666) C. P. & S., Ltd. Form B. 103 E/1855.

Report		Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.39, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received			

**Casualty Form - Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps *15th Battalion* #797.  
 Rank *Plt* Name *Gato Thomas*

(a) *24/9/16* Terms of Service (a) *1916-1918* Service reckoners from (a) *1916-1918*  
 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				
<i>24/9/16</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Discharged Egypt X Commonwealth</i>			
<i>24/9/16</i>	<i>24/9/16</i>	<i>Ex Australia 5-5-16 AP. 7816</i>			
<i>24/9/16</i>	<i>24/9/16</i>	<i>Meganic Embarked Overseas B E F</i>	<i>Alex.</i>	<i>6 8 16</i>	<i>AP 9451</i>
<i>24/9/16</i>	<i>24/9/16</i>	<i>London</i>	<i>London</i>	<i>24.9.16</i>	<i>Advised B213</i>
<i>24/9/16</i>	<i>24/9/16</i>	<i>Pro 10 ton 15 ton</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>2.10.16</i>	<i>A.C. 20149</i>
<i>24/9/16</i>	<i>24/9/16</i>	<i>12th Draft B E F</i>		<i>B213</i>	<i>B08249577</i>
<i>24/9/16</i>	<i>24/9/16</i>	<i>joined Battalion</i>	<i>Field</i>	<i>4.10.16</i>	<i>Ag 7917</i>
<i>24/9/16</i>	<i>24/9/16</i>	<i>adm. military</i>	<i>England</i>	<i>10.9.16</i>	<i>18001/28</i>
<i>24/9/16</i>	<i>24/9/16</i>	<i>Stock Exchange</i>			
<i>6.6.17</i>	<i>6.6.17</i>	<i>to Hospital sick</i>	<i>Field</i>	<i>19.5.17</i>	<i>200 24/1880</i>

(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, Shoeing Smith, &c., &c., 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				
31.5.17	7766	Influenza	Wimereau	30.5.17	AK 1325/17
7.6.17	4 A S.A.	do	Sea.	28.5.17	AK 1325/15
31.5.17	145 S1 Petrick	Contracted to England Influenza.	Boulogne	31.5.17	AK 1325/39
1.6.17	Southampton War Dept.	Ch. Influenza Adm.	Duston	1.6.17	APP 43 Doogfe 20.6.17
23.7.17	Southampton War Dept.	Ch. Influenza Adm. To further a ref. dep. Birmingham.	Duston	1.6.17	
12.8.17	10.1.17 Com Sup.	Ret. m/s. from theatre of operations (B.I.A.)	Burham Bms	23.7.17 6.8.17	7.P.6871.
15.8.17	do	Ret. m/s. from theatre of operations (B.I.A.)	do.	15.8.17	7.P.7824
5.9.17	10.1.17 Com Sup.	Ret. m/s. from theatre of operations (B.I.A.)	Southampton	5.9.17	7.P.7821. DOGSE 12/9/17.
16.9.17	4 A S.A.	From Eng m/s. m/s. to Amk	Beaure	16.9.17	175/17
22.9.17	10.1.17 Com Sup.	From Eng m/s. m/s. to Amk	Beaure	14.9.17	175/24
6.10.17	10.1.17 Com Sup.	From Eng m/s. m/s. to Amk	Inkeby	16.9.17	7.P. 100 51/1516.
10.10.17	10.1.17 Com Sup.	From Eng m/s. m/s. to Amk	do	15.10.17	175/25 12.507. 21/10/17
10.10.17	10.1.17 Com Sup.	From Eng m/s. m/s. to Amk	do	15.10.17	175/25 12.507. 21/10/17
10.10.17	10.1.17 Com Sup.	From Eng m/s. m/s. to Amk	do	15.10.17	175/25 12.507. 21/10/17
10.10.17	10.1.17 Com Sup.	From Eng m/s. m/s. to Amk	do	15.10.17	175/25 12.507. 21/10/17

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*Temporary*

To be used (a) for recruits enlisting direct into the Regular Army, and (b) for men of the Territorial Force when they are admitted to Hospital. Army Form B. 178<sup>a</sup> to be used for Special Reserve recruits and Special Reservists enlisting into the Regular Army.

MEDICAL HISTORY OF

Surname *Gates* Christian Name *Thomas*

TABLE I.—General Table.

Birthplace { Parish *Ypsona*  
County *Ireland.*  
Examined { on *21* day of *September* 191*6*  
at *Brisbane*  
Declared Age *21* years *3* months *0* days  
Trade or Occupation *Sawyer*  
Height *5* feet *4* inches  
Weight *138* lbs  
Chest Measurement { Girth when fully Expanded *36.3 1/2* inches  
Range of Expansion ..... inches  
Physical Development .....  
Vaccination Marks { Arm ..... RIGHT ..... LEFT .....  
Number .....  
When Vaccinated .....  
Vision { R.E. - V = .....  
L.E. - V = .....  
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease—  
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection—  
Approved by .....  
Rank .....  
Medical Officer.

TABLE III.—Boards; Courts of Enquiry, Vaccination, Inoculations, etc.; Examinations for Field or Foreign Service, Extension, Re-engagement, or Prolongation of Service; Issue of Surgical Appliances; Particulars of Dental Treatment, etc.

Date.	Brief Details and Signature

T.A.B.  
1. S.P.V.  
2.

TABLE IV.—Service Table.

Enlisted	at on	day of	191 <i>6</i>	Station or Troopship.			Date of arrival or embarkation.	Date of departure or disembarkation.
Joined on enlistment	at	on	day of	191 <i>5</i>	Corps.	Regtl. No.		
					<i>15-A.F.7</i>	<i>4797</i>		
Transferred to	at	on	day of	191 <i> </i>				
Became non-effective by	on	day of	191 <i> </i>					
(Signature)								
(Rank)								



TABLE II.—Only for admissions to Hospital or to the Sick List in case of Warrant Officers treated in quarters.

Name of Hospital	Admitted to Hospital			Discharged from Hospital			Disease	Number of days in Hospital	Remarks bearing on the cause, nature, or treatment of the case, likely to be of interest or of future use. In cases of syphilis, admissions and re-admissions to hospital will be shown. The subsequent progress, including particulars of treatment out of hospital, transfers, &c., will be given in the special syphilis case sheet	Signature of Medical Officer
	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year				
Northamptonshire War Hospital DUSTON.	1	6	17	23	7	17	<i>Syphilis</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>Discharged to Category II B.A. 6.0.0.</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
	8	8	17				<i>do</i>	<i>9.5.17</i>	<i>B.A. 2 Dustally Jan 19/17</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>



Entered on Index Card 28.11.14 used  
Notification made

REGISTRATION ALTERATION OR CHANGE OF  
ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN.

Reg. No. 14994 Rank 15th Bather Unit 15th Bather

Name Gates Y.

N-O-K previously registered as (Relationship) Father

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

To be now recorded as (Relationship) Father

Name John Gates

Full Postal Address 19 Brook St., Milltown, Dungannon

Remarks. Co. Tyrone, Ireland.

Signature or Authority 20/9/26.

"Special notification of casualty" Cards are provided for notification purposes. Legal N-O-K only can be registered on Attestation Papers. In cases where an alteration of N-O-K is involved the reason therefore should be stated in Remarks Column. To be referred to "A" Records Section for recording on card and notification of all concerned.

*AG*

Transferred to

D C

DEFENCE B.R. D 47066

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 4797 ✓

Rank Pte ✓

Name GATES T.

Unit 15<sup>th</sup> Btr ✓

LIST.

Casualty Wounded. 8908 Y. 1959. 226 dated London 21/10/17 M.C. Prev. rept. wound. now rept. Killed in Action 15/10/17 CIBL 2153/609 dated London 22/11/17 Received B.R. 23/12/17 Previously reported Wounded now reported Killed in Action 15/10/17 CIBL 2161/671 C SA Lines 27/12/17 Ed 3/1/18



VICTORY MEDAL inscribed and issued by Australia House, B.R.M. 59/1489

DATE.	PURPORT.	A.F. B. 2090A Received,	REF. NO.
DEC 26 1917	A.F. B. 103 Received M.C. ADVISED: KILLED IN ACTION. 15/10/17		
4-1-18	COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS		
	CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF Cable No. C. 206 2155 vide 10/166 Ed 28/12/17		
	CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF Cable No. C. 206 216 vide 11/146 Ed 31/12/17		
	Circular B.R.M. 46/1368 & Pocket 10 Graves despatched 8/12/19	3.8.20 NR	
	BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt. A.S. Hann	W.P.D.B.R.N. 54/812	53/1483
	"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST." Pamphlet sent to W. J. Gates 19.10.22		
		MEMORIAL SCROLL	
		Father W. J. Gates in Cayland	
		339836	
		19.10.22	

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MEMORIAL  
PLAQUE  
Given To  
W. J. Gates  
in England  
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19.10.22