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MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 3544

Name Ritson Jonathan

Unit 4th Field Ambulance "A" Coy

Joined on 3 FEB 1915

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name?

PAY BOOK NO.

1. Jonathan Ritson

2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born?

2. In the Parish of _____ in or

near the Town of Workington

in the County of Cumberland
England

3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.)

3. Yes

4. What is your age?

4. 32 yrs 8 mds

5. What is your trade or calling?

5. Labourer

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. Mary Danner (Sister)
at home street.
Grisbaw

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. No

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)—

14.

Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you after embarkation during your term of service?

15.

I, Jonathan Ritson, 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 3 FEB 1915

J. Ritson

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 3 FEB 1915

M. Bell

Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

3, Jonathan - Pitson swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 3 FEB 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.

J. Pitson

Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Gustave in
the State of Queensland
this 3 FEB 1915 day _____ of

19 _____, before me—

M. Bell

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 Rutson J. on Enlistment.Age 32 years 7 monthsHeight 6 feet 0 3/4 inchesWeight 146 lbs.Chest Measurement 34 1/2 - 37 inchesComplexion FairEyes Light BrownHair AuburnReligious Denomination C of E

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

Vaccination3 on R. arm6/6 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 FEB 3 1915BRISBANE.

Place _____

Robertson Capt. A.M.C.

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 A. Lee: 7th F. Ambee

Date 7th May 1915Place SnoggeraR.B. Threlkeld Lt ColCommanding 7th F. Ambee

Statement of Service of No. 3544 Name HITSON Jonathan

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
M. L. H. 3/5/15 to 7th Field Ambulance 27/5/15.	Private (clerk),	3/2/15	3/5/15	Transferred Promoted Bk 8/107
7th Field Amb	Corporal	3-5-15 15-8-16	14-8-16	
7th F. Amb. Cpl.	Discharged 1 M.D.	T.P.E.	9/11/19.	M. 45/811. @.

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

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No. 3544

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Ritson Jonathan

Unit

7th Field Ambulance "A Sec"

Joined on

3 FEB 1915

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Cumberland
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4.

32 years 8 months

5. What is your trade or calling? ...

5.

Labourer

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.

Mary Dams (Sister)
Labok Street
Gusban

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 ...

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12.

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And I further agree to allot not less than $\frac{2}{5}$ of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife.*† wife and children.

Date

3 FEB 1915

J. Ritson

Signature of person enlisted.

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 3 FEB 1915

M. Bell

Signature of Attesting Officer.

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So HELP ME, GOD.

J. Pitson

Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Brisbane in the State of Queensland this 3 FEB 1915 day of

19, before me—

M. Bell

Signature of Attesting Officer.

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Age 32 years 4 months
Height 6 feet 0 3/4 inches
Weight 146 lbs.
Chest Measurement 34 1/2 - 34 - inches
Complexion Fair
Eyes Light Brown
Hair Auburn
Religious Denomination G. of S.

3 Vacc. R.

6/6 99.

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 FEB 3rd 1915

Place BRISBANE.

Signature of Examining Medical 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 A. Sec. 7th Ambree

Date 7 May 1915-
Place Moggera

R B Kuntzable & Co
— Commanding 7th F. Ambrs

Statement of Service of No.

3544

Name

RITSON Jonathan

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
W. & H. 3/5/15. to 7th Ambulance 27/5/15	Enlist from Aust. 24.5.15.	3-2-15	3-5-15	} Transferred
	Private Clerk.	3/5/15		
	To be hospital book C. section	15.8.16		PT II 18/1046. 31/8 16
7th A. & H. Amb.	Cpl: Adm: hof. Ho. from 7. M. unit. Sick.	France	11.4.16	Do. 18/518. 19.7.16
	Land with Unit	France	15.5.18	6/4521. 07.10.
7.4. Amb.	Cpl: To Hosp. Sick.	France	4.4.16	Do. 19/525. 26/4/16
	On Disc to B/Depot from Lof ENH ex Sick	"	26.7.18	Do 20/535. 1.8.18
7th A. & H. Amb.	Cpl: Rejoined unit from Hosp.	France	8/6/16	Do. 23/604. 23/5/18
7.4. Amb.	Cpl.			Do. 19/1366 1919.
Ludwig.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> RETURN TO AUSTRALIA Per PRINX LUDWIG For..... </div>	Eng	9419	2137462 15.4.19 Lx 6433 A.186434

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

RITSON

Jonathan

3544

7th F. Amb A. Sec

Surname

Other Names

Regimental No.

Unit.

PURPORT.

1st M.D.

AUTHORITY.

Embarked by A11 "Ascenius"

from Brisbane 24/5/15

Nom. Roll

15-8-16 To be Cpl. Cook "C" Section

BEFO 18/3'16

20.7.18 Disch to B/Dep Cpl

(KF)

BEFO 20/1/-18

8.8.18 Rjn from hosp

(KF)

BEFO 23/1918

7.7.18 To Hosp Sick (PD)

BEFO 19/1-18

8.1.19 Proc. to England for ret. to Aust

(PD)

DO 19/188-19

Service and Casualty
Form.

PART I.

200 82-8/18-12244.

Nothing to be written in this Margin.

(1) PRESENT UNIT	7th A.F.A.		(2) Regtl. No. 3544.
(3) Present Rank	Cpl.	(4) SURNAME	RITSON.
(5) Decorations		(6) Christian Names.	Jonathan.
<u>Particulars.</u>			
(7) Date of Enlistment	3.2.15.	(8) Place of Enlistment	Brisbane, Q'land.
(9) Age on Enlistment	32 Years 8 Months	(10) Any subsequent claim as to age after veri- fication of Birth Certificate	Auth. C.R. / /
(11) Birthplace	Workington, Cumberland, England.	(12) Religion	C. of E.
(14) Trade or Calling	Labourer.	(13) If Married	No.
(16) Date of Embarkation from Australia	24.5.15.	(15) If an Apprentice	No.
(18)		(17) Whereabouts of Next of Kin, i.e. Australia or Abroad	Aust. Abroad.
(19)		(21) Special Notification Card No.	
(20)			
(22)			

Prinz Ludwig
1st MD

RP

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Casualty Form — Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 7th Field AmbulanceRegimental No. 3544Rank PteName RITSON, Jonathan

Enlisted (a)

Terms of Service (a)

Service reckons from (a)

Date of promotion to
present rankDate of appointment
to lance rankNumerical position on
roll of N.C.Os.

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

31.5.16

Minneapolis

Proceeded to join M. & F.
Disembarked atGallipoli
ALEXANDRIA 10-1-16

D3464

of 7 F. Amb.

Embarked for Overseas per
"Minneapolis" DisembarkedAlexandria
Marseilles

14.3.16

19.3.16

LR 5048

A.C. 264

19⁸/₁₆

do

To be Cpl. Cook "C" section

France

15.8.16

AQ 3621

B 213

D.O. 18/10/76.

17-11-17

do

Proceeded on leave

do

11-11-17

B 213 B53/46

1-12-17

do

Rejoined from leave

do

28-11-17

B 213 B53/48

13-7-18

do

To Hospital Sick

do

7-7-18

B 213 B53/80

L.O. 19/5/25

7-7-18

6th Amdt
4th Amb

Cpl. P.O. Influenza adn. L.O.

do

7-7-18

AT 2818/22

11-7-18

9th Lt. Gen.

do

do

Bouen

11-7-18

AT 2818/25

D.O. 18/5/19

13-7-18

5th Lt. S.

do

do

Field

7-7-18

AT 2818/37

7-18

9th Lt. Gen.

do

do

Bouen

19-7-18

AT 2818/42

7-18

2nd Lt. Dep.

do

do

do

19-7-18

AT 2818/42

(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, 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				
16. 20.7.18	Abon Dep.	bpl. "A" To Base Report	Rouen.	20.7.18	AK 281/42. 100.20/535.
17. 23.7.18.	A. S. B. S.	" M/S ex hosp.	Avail.	22.7.18	" 66.
18. 6.8.18.	do.	" M/Out to Unit.	do.	4.8.18.	A. 2936/27.
19. 10.8.18	667th Aust Hd Amb	bpl. Rejoined from Hosp	Field	8.8.18	B213 B53/84 11/23/607 (1918)
20. 2.11.18	"	" On leave to M.K	"	31.10.18	" 96
21. 23.11.18.	"	" Rejoined from leave	"	17.11.18	" 99
22. 11.1.19	"	" Proceeded to England for return to Australia	"	8.1.19	" 106
23. 15/1/19	Ops HQ AA MC	bpl. M/S from France	Tovant	14/1/19	AK 19/36 15/1/19 LB 1506.
24		bpl. Retd to Aust per "PRINX. LUDWIG" x	Long	10/1/19.	

Serial Number

A.I.F. Form 527.

Reference Number

Q1 3773

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Administrative Headquarters,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

A.C.R. / /

F.C.R. / /

CERTIFIED EXTRACT OF A MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE RELATING TO:-

3544

Cpl

RITSON

Jonathan.

7th Fld.Amb.

BRIDEGROOM

BRIDE

Surname RITSON

Maiden Surname TOMPSON.

Christian Names Jonathan

Christian Names Harriet Ann.

Address (at time of Marriage)

Address (at time of Marriage)

On Active Service.

59, Eaton Terrace,

S.W.

Occupation Corporal

Occupation

Age 36 Condition Bachelor.

Age 40 Condition Spinster

Name, Address and Occupation of Father

Name, Address and Occupation of Father

Jonathan Ritson

John Tompson, (deceased)

Farmer.

Builder

Registration District St. Michael, Pimlico, London,

Marriage solemnized at St. Michaels Church according to the rites and

Ceremonies of Established Church

by

Minister

Married by Thomas Bryan E. Moore Attwood off. Date of Marriage 24.1.19.

Registrar's Reference (i.e., Entry No., etc.) 490

Verified by General Registry Office

Extracted from Marriage Certificate by M. Rita. Date 25.1.19.

Certified correct and checked by

,, ,, Particulars verified by original documents.

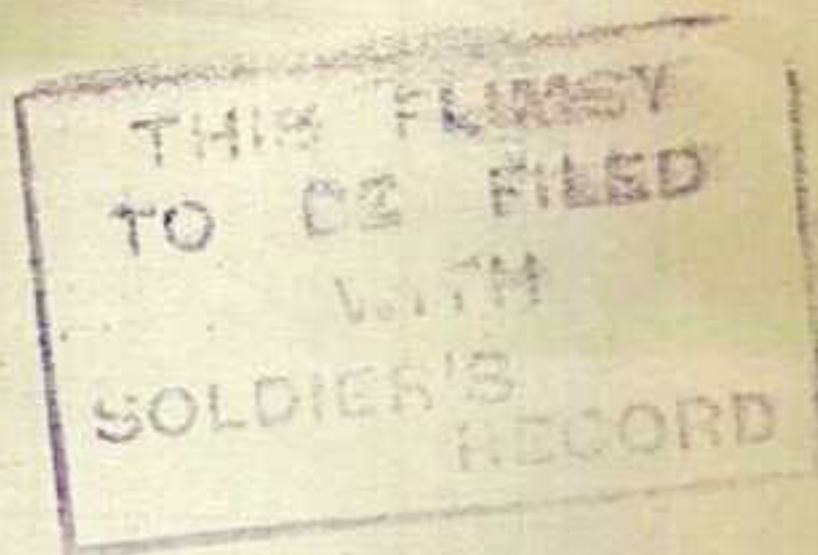
Checked with Records. Date

Defence advised by List No. Dated Ref.

3544 Cpl. RITSON. J. (1) 7th F. Amb.

Retd. "Prinz Ludwig" 9/9/19 (TPE) Disc. 9/11/19

BRM 45/811



DISEMBARKED.....

8.9.19

M.D.....

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LIST No.....

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Station 6th. A.G.H.

AUSTRALIAN



PRINZ LUDWIG.

MILITARY FORCES.

A.M. Form D2.

(For use in Australia.)

Revised 1.4.19.

Date 9-9-19

MEDICAL REPORT ON AN INVALID.

1. Number 3544 2. Rank Cpl. 3. Name RITSON J.
 4. Unit 11. 7. Amb 5. Age 36 6. Trade or Occupation Labourer
 7. Place of Enlistment Brisbane 7A. Date of Enlistment 3-2-15
 8. Disability in respect of which invaliding is proposed

MEDICAL OFFICER'S STATEMENT OF CASE.

(Soldier's own statement must be carefully recorded as such, and signed by him.)

9. Date and place of origin of disability Date of arrival from overseas 9-9-19
 10. Date and place where disability first caused man to become a Casualty
 11. Essential facts of Medical History (including causation)

Flu 1918.

12. State whether disability was (a) Due to Military Service, (b) Aggravated by Military Service, or (c) Independent of Military Service; (d) Due to, or aggravated by, want of proper care on man's part, intemperance, misconduct, &c.

13. What is his present condition and progress?

No disability.

Sgd. J. Ritson.

14. If the disability is an injury, state whether it was caused (a) in action, (b) on field service, (c) on duty, (d) off duty

15. If a Court of Inquiry was held, state place, date, and opinion

16. Was an operation performed? If so, what?

17. Was an operation advised, and declined?

18. In the case of loss or decay of teeth—Was it due to, aggravated by, or independent of, Military Service? Agg.

19. Give particulars of any other disabilities existing

20. Do you recommend discharge as permanently unfit for general service? Demob.

Confirmed—
 (SGT) C.A.C. DOUGLAS MJP.
 for P.M.O. 1st. M.D. 11-9-19

(SGT) C.A. THYLANDER CAPT.
 (SGT) J. GILWOOD CAPT.

Medical Officer in charge of case.

I, having satisfied myself of the general accuracy of this report, concur therewith, except

(SGT) D.C. TRUMPY CAPT.

Officer in charge of Hospital.

Station 6th. A.G.H.

Date 10-9-19

D.1580/5.19.—C.5736—20012

Entries will be made here when an invalid is brought before a Medical Board and deferred for treatment

Date and Station	Date and Station
Result	Result
Signatures	Signatures

OPINION OF MEDICAL BOARD ON FINALIZATION.

NOTE.—Clear and definite answers to the following questions are to be carefully filled in by the Board, as, in the event of the man being invalided, it is essential that the Deputy Commissioner of Pensions should be in possession of the most reliable information to enable him to decide upon the man's claim for pension, and the Deputy Comptroller of Repatriation, of information to enable him to decide questions of assistance and vocational training.

21. State whether the disability is clearly (a) Due to Military Service, (b) Aggravated by Military Service, (c) Independent of Military Service; (d) Due to, or aggravated by, want of proper care on man's part, intemperance, misconduct, &c.
22. Is the present degree of disability permanent?
23. If not, at what rate and to what degree do you anticipate improvement?
24. To what extent is his working capacity at present affected by his disability? (a) In his pre-enlistment trade or occupation?
(b) In the general labour market? (Estimate as a percentage of full capacity)
25. If an operation was advised and declined, was the refusal unreasonable?
26. Do the Board recommend discharge as permanently unfit for General Service?
27. If discharge is recommended, it should be stated whether further treatment is desirable in a (a) Sanatorium, (b) Orthopaedic Institution, (c) Convalescent Home, (d) Asylum, or (e) other institution. State whether further treatment should be an in-patient or an out-patient, and for what period
28. Is any surgical appliance recommended?
29. Is the man fit for work or for vocational training? If not, state reasons for recommendation for discharge from A.I.F.

Station	Signatures	President.
Date		Members.

CONFIRMED.

Station	Director General Medical Services.
Date	

CERTIFIED COPY of Proceedings of Medical Board
Authority M.O. 186/1917. This N.C.O. will be Discharged

COPY OF BOARD PAPER TO
DEPT. OF REPAT. ON
26 OCT 1918

S. O. I. & R. S. 1st. M. D.

This form will be used for the finalization of all invalids in Australia, and will embody (Question 11) all information contained on the papers of invalids returned from overseas. Question 13 will include in its Answer a detailed careful account of the medical condition of the patient on finalization. On completion of the Board, it will be forwarded to the P.M.O. by hand, for confirmation, thence to the S.O.I. and R.S., who will make necessary copies. **This report is confidential.**

Single copies only need be forwarded to Head-Quarters.

For discharge of members of services other than the permanent forces the District P.M.O. may approve for the D.G.M.S.

Transferred to

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 3544

Rank lpl Name RITSON, J.

Unit (63809 States 11th Hld Amb

LIST.

Casualty Relg. to Aust. per H. F. "Prinz Ludwig" emb. 9/7/19 with wife
C.I.B.L. 3552/6380 Held Lon 15/7/19 Rec. B.R. 22/7/19
Returned to Australia per A. "Prinz Ludwig"
Disembarked 2 M.D. 8/9/19. Lut 320. } @.

DATE.

PURPORT.

30.7.19 N.O.K. Advised returning to Australia. Form 7 and Card us

Discharged 1 M.D.

8.2.20 "WILL" to 1 M.D. M. 18/5/25 4m

1 M.D. 01. TIM

1914/1916 Star issued B.R.M. 40/1228/

WAR HISTORY INDEX

