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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.**

No. 3137

Name W. E. L. S. Joseph LeonardUnit 6/3 Pion BnJoined on 1/2/1916*Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.*

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|--|--|
| 1. What is your Name? ... | 1. <u>Wells. Joseph Leonard</u> |
| 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... | 2. In the Parish of ... in or near the Town of <u>Jersey</u> in the County of <u>Channel Islands</u> |
| 3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalised British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) | 3. <u>yes</u> |
| 4. What is your age? ... | 4. <u>26 1/2</u> |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? ... | 5. <u>live servant</u> |
| 6. Are you, or have you been an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... | 6. <u>NO</u> |
| 7. Are you married? ... | 7. <u>NO</u> |
| 8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated)
<i>The answer to this question shall not be construed as in the nature of a will.</i> | 8. <u>Father Wells Edwin Courtney</u>
<u>Grosvenor Hotel Hay St</u>
<u>E. Perth Australia W. Aust.</u> |
| 9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... | 9. <u>No</u> |
| 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. <u>No</u> |
| 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. <u>NO</u> |
| 12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous Service? | 12. <u>yes</u> |
| 13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... | 13. <u>NO</u> |
| 14. (For married men and 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 ... | 14. <u>✓</u> |
| 15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? ... | 15. <u>yes</u> |

I, Wells. Joseph Leonard 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 $\frac{two-fifths}{three-fifths}$ of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my ^{wife.* †} wife and children.

Date 5. June 1916W. E. L. S.Wells

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 naturalisation papers and am of opinion that they are correct.

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

Date 5th Jan 1916

P. bapt

Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

I, Joseph Leonard Wells swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 5-1-16 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 L Wells
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Perth in the State of West Australia this 5th day of Jan 1916, before me—

P. bapt
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 J. L. Mills on Enlistment.

Age 26 years 3 months.
Height 5 feet 8½ inches.
Weight 137 lbs.
Chest Measurement 33.35 inches.
Complexion Fresh.
Eyes Blue.
Hair dk Brown.
Religious Denomination C.

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

Nil

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 5th Jan. 1916.

Place Perth.

A. G. Quinlan

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.....

Bros France
15/2/18

Statement of Service of No. 3137 Name G. L. Wells

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, etc.	Period of Service in each Rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
6/8 Pion Btn	Embarked Fremantle "Persic" Disembarked Devonport	29-12-16	L.R. 308 4-3-17	
	Plc. 7th/10th Pwr. Eng. Btn. & Hill from Australia	Eng	5.3.17	10/10/18 10/4/18 2/11/18
	Plc. Crime 1/1 Hill 9.5.17. absent. W/o leave from 6 am 9.5.17 until 9 pm. 18.5.17. Award 120/- detention by Mayor H. H. Rutledge 18.5.17 in custody awaiting trial 4 days. Total forfeiture 14 days pay. C.P.S. 206745/25.10.0 L.R. 3645.		18.5.17	10312092E 25.6.17
	Plc. Proc of seas to France via Pwr Eng Btn Sutton Ventry via Shampton		12-3-18	10/1/18 10/3/18 L 1485
	Plc. 9.05 of 3rd Pwr Bn from 6th Rfls. 3rd Pwr Bn	France	19/2/18	P2 10/630 5/3/18
	KILLED IN ACTION	France	24.8.18	62131 2805 10/034/4170 13/9/18 B 4018 B 4687
	11182/16/1 2782/11/23 D16			10 Km G Norburn 530 Khampton Ra Willesden Low + NOK in Tam also

2nd Pwr. Plc.
Late
6th Rfls 3rd Pwr

KILLED IN ACTION

Wounded

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

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 3137 Name WELLS Joseph Leonard
 Unit 48 Depot
 Joined on ~~2-1-16~~ 1/2/16

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? 1. Joseph Leonard Wells
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? 2. In the Parish of _____ in or
 near the Town of Jersey
 in the County of Channel Islands Eng
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. 26 ³/₁₂
5. What is your trade or calling? 5. Civil Servant
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? 6. No
7. Are you married? 7. No
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) 8. Father: Edwin Courtney Wells
Grosvenor Hotel
Hay St. E. Perth Australia
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? 9. No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incorrigible and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? 10. No
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge 11. 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)—
 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? 14. ✓
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? 15. yes

I, Joseph Leonard Wells 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 $\frac{2}{5}$ of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my ~~wife and children.~~ ^{wife.* †}

Date 5-1-16 JL Wells
 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.

SPECIMEN SIGNATURE

J. L. Wells

5.1.16

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 uttered as required by him.

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

(This to be attached to the case of persons who are not British Subjects)

True J. L. Wells

[Signature] Capt

Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

3. Joseph Leonard Wells swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 5.1.16 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. L. Wells
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Perth in
the State of West Australia
this 5th day January of
1916, before me—

[Signature] Capt
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.

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 5.1.16

J. Murray Capt
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

3. Joseph Leonard Wells swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 5.1.16 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 L Wells
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Perth in
the State of West Australia
this 5th day January of
1916, before me—

J. Murray Capt
Signature of Attesting Officer.

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Description of J. L. Mills on Enlistment.

Age 26 years 3 months.
Height 5 feet 8 1/2 inches.
Weight 137 lbs.
Chest Measurement 23 3/4 inches.
Complexion Fair
Eyes Blue
Hair Dark Brown
Religious Denomination Capt

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

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 5. 1. 16

Place Perth.

[Signature]
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 44th Battalion A.I.F. 5th Coy

Date 20th Dec 1916

Place Blairmont W.A.

[Signature]
Commanding 44th Bn A.I.F.

[Signature]
for camp command

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Statement of Service of No.

Name

J. L. Wells

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
48 Depot. 44 th Batt.	Private	1/2/16		C/o 678.
Isolation Comp	Private	8/5-16		C/o 759
6/44	"	8/9/16		C/o. 864.
23 Depot	"	16/10/16	1-11-16	C/o 897
6/44	"	1-11-16		C/o. 910.
24/11	"			
19/29	"			
6/3 horses	"	1-12-16	1-12-16	R207130
	"	2-12-16		R207131

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

W. O. ... Lt Col
Commanding 44th Bn A.I. Force

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Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 3137 Name WELLS Joseph Leonardo
Unit 48 Depot
Joined on 16/12/16

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? Joseph Leonardo Wells
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? near the Town of Perse in the County of Channel Islands
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized Brit. Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) yes
4. What is your age? 27
5. What is your trade or calling? Civil Servant
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 Edwin Leonard Wells, Grand Terrace, Perth.

PAY BOOK NO. 206745

Probate

Letters of Administration.

Executrix Alice Maud Wells
Administ. Harvest Terrace, Perth.
Locates Several

Date 22/1/19

Authority vide N. 43/145.

14. Do you understand that no separation allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach eight shillings per day? Yes
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? Yes

Joseph Leonardo Wells 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 1.16

J. L. Wells
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.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 3137 Name WELLS Joseph Leonardo
Unit 48 Depot
Joined on 1. 16 1916

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? Joseph Leonardo Wells
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? near the Town of Jersey in the County of Channel Islands
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? 25
5. What is your trade or calling? Civil Servant
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) Edward Lewis Courtenay Wells, Grand Terrace, Hotel, 101 St. James Street, Dover, Kent
- Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? No
- 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
- 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
- Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? Yes
- Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? No
- (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?
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? Yes

PAY BOOK NO.
206745

~~Edward Lewis Courtenay Wells~~
~~Grand Terrace, Hotel~~
~~101 St. James Street~~
~~Dover, Kent~~
Mother: Mr. Alice Mary Wells
Home address
cf. Post office
Henry Beach, A.C.
Home address
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3. Joseph Leonardo Wells 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 1. 16

J. L. Wells
Signature of person enlisted.

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

SPECIMEN SIGNATURE

~~J. L. Wells~~ 5. 1. 16
ATTESTING OFFICER

The foregoing person was by me enlisted in my presence.
I have taken care that he understands such questions, and that his answer to each question has been duly recorded as he has.
I have observed his enrolment papers and am of opinion that they are correct.
This to be attested in the presence of the person to be enrolled.

Date 5. 1. 16
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

3. Joseph Leonard Wells swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 5. 1. 16 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. L. Wells
~~J. L. Wells~~
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Perth in
the State of West Aust
this 5th day of
Jan 1916, before me—

J. W. Skaler
Signature of Attesting Officer.

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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 5. 1. 16

J W Haley Capt
Signature of Attesting Officer.

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So HELP ME, GOD. J L Wells

J L Wells
Signature of Person Enlisted.

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this 5th day of
Jan 1916, before me—

J W Haley Capt
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 Weight 137 lbs.
 Chest Measurement 33.35 inches.
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 Eyes Blue
 Hair Dr Brown
 Religious Denomination Cal Eng

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I HAVE examined the above-named person, and find that he does not present any of the following conditions, viz:—

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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 5.1.16

Place Perth

B. G. Quinlan

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 Battalion A Force 6/3rd Grenadier

Date 20 Mch 1916

Place Clarendon Barracks Perth Commanding W. A. [Signature]

H. J. Ogden
 Capt
 [Signature]

Statement of Service of No.

~~719~~ 3137⁴ Name

J. L. Mills

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
48. Depot	Private	1/2/16		C/O 678
44 th Battr	"			
22 Depot	"	10/4/16	27/4/16	C.O. 750
65 Depot	"	27/4/16	3/5/16	C.O. 755
B. C. O. School		8-5-16		C/O 459
Isolation Compound				
6/44	"	8/9/16		C/O 899
22 Depot	"	16/10/16	1-11-16	C.O. 899
6/44 th	"	1-11-16		C.O. 910
24/11	"		30-11-16	B/O 130
6/1 st Pioneer Coy	"	1-12-16	1-12-16	B/O 130
6/3rd Pioneers	"	2-12-16		B/O 131
6/3rd Pioneers	Embarked at Fremantle per A34 "Persic" on 29/12/16			

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

[Signature]
 Commanding Officer

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 3137 Name { Surname Wells
 in full { Christian Name Joseph Leonard
 Unit 6/3 Pioneers
 Joined on 1/9/16

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? 1. _____
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... } 2. In the Parish of _____ in or
 near the Town of _____
 in the County of _____
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized } 3. _____
 British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be
 shown.)
4. What is your Age? 4. _____
5. What is your Trade or Calling? 5. _____
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, } 6. _____
 to whom, and for what period?
7. Are you married? 7. _____
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address and relationship to be } 8. Father Edwin Courtney Wells
 stated) Grosvenor Hotel
Hay St. East Perth W.A.
The answer to this question shall not be construed as
 in the nature of a will.
9. What is your permanent address in Australia? ... } 9. Original Inside
Cover
10. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His } 10. _____
 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. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? 11. _____
12. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's } 12. _____
 Service? If so, on what grounds?
13. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who } 13. Mother Mrs Wells. (see inside sheet)
Merton Lodge
Victoria Ave. Hay St. East
 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? } 13. _____
14. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox } 14. _____
 and enteric fever?

I, _____ 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 $\frac{two-fifths}{three-fifths}$ of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife*† and children.

Date _____

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.

APPLICATION TO ENLIST IN THE AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

To the Recruiting Officer

at

Perth

(OFFICIAL STAMP.)

I, J L Wells Joseph Leonard Wells
 hereby offer myself for Enlistment in the Australian Imperial Force for Active Service
 Abroad, and undertake to enlist in the manner prescribed, if I am accepted by the
 Military Authorities, within one month from date hereof.

POSTAL ADDRESS
Grosvenor Hotel
Hay St. East

Signature J L Wells
 Occupation Civil Servant
 Date 4/1/16

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

CONSENT OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS. (For Persons under 21 years of age.)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I approve of the above application, and consent to the enlistment
 of my ^{son} _{ward} for Active Service Abroad.

Statement regarding Death or Absence of
 either or both Parents.

Father's Signature _____
 Mother's Signature _____
 or
 Guardian's Signature _____

PERSONAL PARTICULARS.

Age— 26 yrs. 3 mos. | Height— 5 ft. 8 1/2 ins. | Chest Measurement (fully
 expanded)— 35 inches.
 Married. Widower. Single.

PRELIMINARY MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

Decision of Medical Authority FIT for Active Service.
 UNFIT, for the following reasons: _____

Place Perth
 Date 4/1/16

B. O. Quinn
 Signature of Medical Authority.

I Concur

Place _____
 Date _____

Signature of M.O. at Central Recruiting Depot.

CERTIFICATE OF RECRUITING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that I have this day provisionally ~~REJECTED~~ ACCEPTED this applicant for enlistment
 in the Australian Imperial Force.

Place Perth
 Date 4/1/16

(Signature) A. Murray Can
 Recruiting Officer.

INSTRUCTIONS.

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

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

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

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

(5) When alternatives are shown on the front of the form such as :—

Fit	Unfit	Sick	Ward	Married	Widower	Single	Original	Duplicate	strike
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out the words which are not applicable.

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

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

Spaces for identification by means of handwriting.

(SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).

Regiment or Corps 5/3rd Aust. Pioneer Battalion Regimental Number 3137

*Substantive Rank Pte Surname WELLS Christian Names Joseph Leonard

*Acting Rank _____

(* To be entered in pencil to facilitate alteration.)

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G.V.P. Co. (3490)

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(A) Report		(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)
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1		O.C. Troops A#34	"Persic" Embarked Disembarked Devonport		Fremantle 29.12.16. 3.3.17.	
2		O.C. Pnr T.Bn	Marched In from Aust.	England	5.3.17.	DO.18/2002
3		Larkhill Pnr Tng Bn	ex "Persic" CRIME. Larkhill. A.W.L. from 6.a.m. 9.5.17. till 9.p.m. 13.5.17. AWARD 120 hrs detention by Maj. T.P. Rutledge. 18.5.17. in Custody awaiting trial 4e days Total Forf. 14 days pay. P. 9s 206445 £3.10.0.		9.5.17. 18.5.17.	DO.31/250
4		Pnr Tng Bn	M/In from Durrington.	S/Veny	3.11.17.	
5		" "	Marched out to Codford as working Party.	"	20.1.18.	
6		Pnr Tng Bn	Marched In from Codford	Working Party	26.1.18.	
7		" "	Proc. O/Seas to France ex Pnr. Tng Bn S/Veny.		12.2.18.	DO.7/E
8.		A.I.B.D.	Marched In ex England	Southampton	18.2.18.	
8a.		" "	Marched out to Unit.	Rouelles	13.2.18.	
9.		C.O. 3rd Pnr Bn	T.O.S. 6th Rfts.	"	14.2.18.	
10.		" "	With Unit.	Field	19.2.18.	DO 10/630
11.		" "	Killed in Action.	France	3.7.18.	
11a		3rd Div. Hdqrs	" " " "		24.8.18.	DO.37/4100
				France	24.8.18.	V.L. 81.

11/10/18

OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
UNITED STATES ARMY

FORM NO. 10 (REV. 1-15-18)

(A) Report	(B) Authority of Part II. of Orders	(C) Record of promotions, appointments, reductions, casualties, transfers, postings, &c. All acting as well as substantive promotions to be shown, for method of entry of which see A.C.I. 1816 of 1917. Corps and unit to which transferred and posted to be invariably named.	(D) Place of casualty	(E) Date of promotion, reversion, casualty, &c.	(F) Remarks, and initials and rank of an officer
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Australian Section 3rd Echelon G.H.Q.,
B.E.F. 16/9/18

(Sgd) H.T. Crawford Captain.
For Officer i/c Records



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(SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).

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Regiment or Corps 6/3rd Aust. Pioneer Battalion. Regimental Number 3137

*Substantive Rank Pte Surname WELLS Christian Names Joseph Leonard

*Acting Rank _____

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		Pnr Tng Bn	M/In from Durrington.	S/Veny	3.11.17.	
		" "	Marched out to Codford as working Party.	"	20.1.18.	
		Pnr Tng Bn	Marched In from Codford	"	26.1.18.	
		" "	Proc. O/Seas to France ex Pnr. Tng Bn S/Veny.	Southampton	12.2.18.	DO.7/ E 18.2.18.
		A.I.B.D.	Marched In ex England	Rouelles	13.2.18.	
		" "	Marched out to Unit.	"	14.2.18.	
		C.O. 3rd Pnr Bn	T.O.S. 6th Rfts. With Unit.	Field France	19.2.18. 3.7.18.	DO.10/630
		" "	Killed in Action.		24.8.18.	DO.37/4170.
		3rd Div.Hdqrs	" " " "	France	24.8.18.	V.L. 818.

11/12/18

RECORD AND CASUALTY REPORT

Form No. 10 (Rev. 1-15-18)

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Australian Section 3rd Echelon G.H.Q.,
B.E.F. 16/9/18

(Sgd) H.T. Crawford Captain.
For Officer i/c Records



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Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps **3rd DIV. PIONEER BATTALION A.I.F.**

Rank **PRIVATE** Surname **WELLS** Christian Name **Joseph Leonard**

Religion Age on Enlistment years months

Enlisted (a) **1.2.16** Terms of Service (a) **A.I.F.** Service reckons from (a)

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

Extended { } Re-engaged { } Qualification (b)
or Corps Trade and Rate

Occupation Signature of Officer

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				
		Embarked ... Trumantle		29.12.16	
		" PERSIC " Disembarked ...	Devonport	3.3.17	
		3rd DIV. PIONEER BATTALION A.I.F.	England		DD18/2001E (1917) ✓
		3rd DIV. PIONEER BATTALION A.I.F.	"		DD31/2592E (1917) ✓
		3rd DIV. PIONEER BATTALION A.I.F.	"		DD7/ (1918) ✓
		3rd DIV. PIONEER BATTALION A.I.F.	B.E.F.		DD10/630 (1918) ✓
	3rd DIV. PIONEER BATTALION A.I.F.	Killed in action	"	24.8.18	V.L. 818 ✓
			France		DD37/4170 (1918) ✓
	Original forwarded to Hamlyn 16 SEP 1918				
	Must Section 3rd Echelon B.E.F.				Captain
					for Officer's Records

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted in Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered
(b) Signaller, Shoeing-Smith, &c. (17591.) Wt. W 1887-P 1124, 1,000,000, 6-18, D & S, Form B-103. (E. 1256.)

3137. Pte. WELLS..J.L. 3rd Pioneer Bn. A.I.F.
Killed in Action 24.8.18.

The following are the full particulars of the death of No. 3137. Pte. J.L. WELLS. of this Battalion.

During the attack on the Village of LA NEUVILLE, the Company to which Pte. Wells belonged were advancing. One of a few stray shells fell near him, and he was hit in the forehead with a shell splinter and died immediately.

His remains were buried in the Military Cemetery at LA NEUVILLE Location Sheet 62D L22. c.32.35. and a cross has been erected by the members of this Battalion.

We have written to Pte. Well's next of kin, and have also made arrangements for photographs of the grave to be sent.

FIELD.
12.11.18. M.

Sgd. C. Raymond. Lieut.
Adj. 3rd Aust. Pioneer Battalion.

No. 3137 Name Wells, J.L. Sqn., Batty., or Company 3rd Corps Pioneer Training Batt Date of enlistment 1/2/16 G.C. Badges Aborig Service or Proficiency Pay Character
 Date of last entry in Company Conduct Sheet Nil No. and date of last drunk 1 Period not reckoning towards freedom from extra fine 1 Sheet No. 1 Signature O.C. Company, etc. Aborig

Place	Date of offence	Rank	Cases of Drunkenness	Offence	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or of order dispensing with trial	By whom awarded	Remarks
				<u>Certified no further entry 30.11.17</u>					
				<u>James</u> OC. No. 330V	<u>Capt.</u>				<u>Killed in Action</u> <u>24/8/1918.</u> <u>Govt Comm. Capt.</u> <u>OB D Coy</u>
<u>Leath Hill</u>	<u>8-13-57</u>	<u>Sold</u>		<u>Absenting himself without leave from 0600 hrs to 2100 hrs 17/17. Refused to obey pay awaiting trial</u>	<u>G.A.M. Bridges</u> <u>Capt. Stanger</u>	<u>120 hrs Detention</u> <u>Forfeit 2 days R.W.</u>	<u>18.5.17.</u>	<u>J. Palmer</u>	
				<u>Certified no further entry</u>					
				<u>W.L. Lamb</u> OC. No. 330					

Army Form B. 122

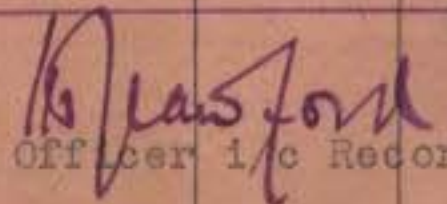
CASUALTY FORM—ACTIVE SERVICE.

3137

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 Regiment or Corps 3rd East Aust Pioneers
 Regimental No. 3137 Rank Private Name WELLS Joseph Leonard
 Listed (a) 1.2.16 Terms of Service (a) _____ Service reckons from (a) _____
 Date of Promotion to present rank _____ Date of appointment to lance rank _____ Numerical position on roll of N.C.O.'s _____
 Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (b) _____
 D.902/8.16—C.7519.—50M

Date	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.	Date.	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
		<u>Re-engaged</u>	<u>Adelaide</u>	<u>1/10/17</u>	<u>Adelaide</u>
	<u>O.C. Troops</u>	<u>A34 "Persic" (Embarked (Disembkd</u>	<u>Fremantle Devonport</u>	<u>29.12.16 (U.R. 308 3.3.17 (4.3.17)</u>	
<u>11/3/17</u>	<u>O.C. Pwr In Bn Larkhill</u>	<u>FROM AUSTR ex Persic</u>	<u>ENG</u>	<u>5.3.17</u>	<u>B213 TR 533 DO 186 2004 20/4/17</u>
<u>7.5.17</u>	<u>B2069 Pwr. Eng Bn Forward</u>	<u>Offence Larkhill 9.5.17 A.V.L. from 6 am 9.5.17 till 9 pm 13.5.17. Award 120 hours detention by Major J. F. Rutledge 18.5.17 In custody awaiting trial 4 days. Total Forfeiture 14 days pay [2.3.17] 206745 £3-10-0</u>		<u>18.5.17</u>	<u>L.R. 3545 D.O. 315 23-6-17 2592</u>
	<u>B213 Pwr Eng Bn</u>	<u>Re m/in from Durrington</u>	<u>Sutton Veng</u>	<u>3.11.17</u>	<u>LR 10424</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>Pwr Eng Bn</u>	<u>Re m/out to Bodford as Working Party</u>	<u>Sutton Veng</u>	<u>20.1.18</u>	<u>L 801</u>
<u>15</u>	<u>Pwr Eng Bn</u>	<u>Re m/in from Bodford Working Party</u>	<u>Sutton Veng</u>	<u>26.1.18</u>	<u>L 956</u>

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 (b) e.g., Signaller, Shoeing Smith, &c., &c., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

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Date.	From whom Received.				
7 50 12.2.18.	Inf Jng Bn	He proceeded overseas to France ex Inf Jng Bn Sutton Veny via	Southampton	12.2.18.	L1485 D O Y E 18.2.18
8 13 FEB 1918	A.I.B.D.	Marched in Ex. England	Rouelles	13.2.18	AK 2238/18
ii FEB 1918	A.I.B.D.	Marched out to unit	Rouelles	14.2.18	AK 2238/18
9 23 FEB 1918	Co. 3rd Pn Bn.	^{do} TAKEN ON STRENGTH 6 Feb	In the Field.	19 FEB 1918	C2,65 D.O 10/630
10 3/7/18	CO. 3. Pn. Bn	With Unit	France	3-7-18	55,3118,12
11 31. 8. 18 24 AUG 1918	Co. 3rd Pn Bn. 3rd Div. Hqs	He killed in action	do	24-8-18	62/12 D037/1070 (1918) AT 24892. Y.L. 818
Aust. Section, 3rd Echelon, G.H.Q. British Expeditionary Force:		16 SEP 1918		<p style="text-align: center;">  Captain. for Officer in Charge Records. </p>	

(SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).

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Regiment or Corps 5/3rd Aust. Pioneer Battalion. Regimental Number 3137

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4	10.11.17.	Pnr Tng Bn	M/In from Duffington.	S/Veny	3.11.17.	
5	27.1.18.	" "	Marched out to Codford as working Party.	"	20.1.18.	
6	3.2.18.	Pnr Tng Bn	Marched In from Codford	Working Party	26.1.18.	
7	12.2.18.	" "	Proc. O/Seas to France ex Pnr. Tng Bn S/Veny.	Southampton	12.2.18.	DO.7/ E 18.2.18.
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9.	23.2.18.	C.O. 3rd Pnr Bn	T.O.S. 6th Rfts.	Field	19.2.18.	DO.10/630
10.	3.7.18.	" "	With Unit.	France	3.7.18.	
11.	31.8.18.	" "	Killed in Action.		24.8.18.	DO.37/4170.
11a	24.8.18.	3rd Div.Hdqrs	" " " "	France	24.8.18.	V.L. 828.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Receipt for Consignment from Defence Department.

I hereby acknowledge having received from the Officer in Charge of Base Records the undermentioned (1) Package , being the effects of the late No. 3137 Private J.L. Wells, 3rd Pnr Bn consigned to me. ex "Sardinia" D/S 42918

No.

Description.

Signature

1 package

Date

Could give
Grace his
Missel-Watch
Grossens Note address

NOTE.—This Receipt should be Posted to—

The Officer in Charge,
Base Records,
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne, Victoria.

will always find me

UNKNOWN BY LETTER CARRIER
On His Majesty's Service

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VICTORIA

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27 JUN 22
E.C.

Hay Street,
East Perth,

UNCLAIMED POST
JUL 21
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

West Perth

Handwritten signatures and scribbles in purple and red ink.

If not Delivered within 7 Days please return to
Officer in Charge, Base Records,
Victoria Barracks, Melbourne.

BASE RECORDS
VICTORIA BARRACKS
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18 JUL - 430A
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1922



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Mr. L. A. Hogg,
Ellesmere Road,
St. Ivelley,

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10/11/22

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

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POSTE RESTANTE PERTH
25 JUL 22

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SPECIAL DELIVERY
OF

POSTAL STATIONERY

O.H.M.S.

~~gone to England
address unknown~~

~~Photo
Marion Lodge~~

18/6/21

Mrs. A. N. Wells,

~~Marion Lodge~~

~~Victoria Avenue,~~

~~PERTH, W.A.~~

If not delivered within 7 Days please return to
Officer in Charge, Base Records,
Victoria Barracks, Melbourne.

4214074. 3157. WELLS J.L.



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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

RECEIVED
GENERAL MAIL

DESPATCHED
13 JUL

12th July, 1921.

Headquarters, 5th District Base,
Military Headquarters,
Francis Street, Perth, W.A.

The late No. 3137 Private Joseph Leonard Wells,
6/3rd Pioneer Battalion,
recorded as N.O.K. -

Mother, Mrs. A. M. Wells,
Merton Lodge,
Victoria Avenue,
Perth, W.A.,

(endorsed -
"Gone to England".

but communications sent to that address have been returned unclaimed /

MG
TELEPHONE:
CENTRAL 4741.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS.

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

Melbourne, 7th July, 1921.

Headquarters,

recorded as next-of-kin—

RECEIPT SLIP FOR MEMORIAL SCROLL.

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Department of
Defence, one Memorial Scroll and King's Message, in connexion
with the late No. 3137 Private J.L.WELLS,
3rd Pioneer Battalion.

(Signature)

Alice Maud Wells

(Date)

27. 1. 25

This slip to be returned to the Officer in Charge Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, Victoria,
within seven (7) days.

RECEIPT FOR MEDALS.

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Army Headquarters, in connexion with the service of the late No. 3137
Pte. J.L. WELLS, 3rd Pnr. Bn.

Medal

ONE BRITISH WAR MEDAL.

ONE VICTORY MEDAL.

Signature

(Mr) J. M. Wells

Date

22. 12. 24



This slip to be returned to the Officer in Charge, Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, Victoria, within seven (7) days.

RECEIPT FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUE.

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Army Head-quarters,
one Memorial Plaque in connexion with the late

No. 3137 Private J.L. WELLS,

3rd Pioneer Battalion.

Signature

Alicia Maud Wells

Date

27. 1. 25

This slip to be returned to the Officer in Charge, Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, Victoria,
within seven (7) days.

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20th January 1919.

Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 8th instant, and in reply to state a package of personal effects of your son, the late No. 3157 Private J.L. Wells, 3rd Pioneer Battalion, has now been received at this Office and will be forwarded to Mr. R.C. Wells, deceased's next-of-kin, in the absence of testamentary instructions to the contrary, with as little delay as possible.

If Mr. Wells has removed to the undermentioned address it will be necessary for him to notify this Office to that effect, in order that the records may be amended.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. A.M. Wells,
9 Harriett Terrace,
PERTH. W.A.

Major.
Officer i/c Base Records.

P.S The letter enclosed by you is returned herewith.

DC.

20th February 1919.

Gentlemen,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 5th instant, concerning the late No. 137 Private J.L. Wells, 3rd Pioneer Battalion, and in reply to state I would be obliged if you will furnish me with a certified copy of the late soldier's Will, which will be sufficient for my purpose. On receipt of same deceased's personal effects will be despatched accordingly. It is noted that you intend to produce Probate to the District Paymaster, Perth.

As you state Mr. E.C. Wells, nominated as next-of-kin by the late soldier, is deceased, it will be necessary for Mrs. Wells to furnish this Office with a Statutory Declaration to that effect and that she desired to be recorded in Mr. Well's stead.

Yours faithfully,



Major.
Officer i/c Base Records.

Messrs Stawell & Keull,
Solicitors,
South British Chambers,
23 Barrack Street,
PERTH. W.A.

DC.

5th April 1919.

Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of the 4th instant, and in reply to state package D/S42918, containing personal effects of your son, the late No. 5157 Private J.L. Wells, 3rd Pioneer Battalion, was forwarded to you per parcel post on the 2nd idem.

When same comes to hand kindly acknowledge receipt by signing and returning the receipt form despatched under cover of my advice note of the 31st ultimo.

Yours faithfully,

Major.
officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. M. Wells,
"Merton Lodge,"
Victoria Avenue,
Hay Street,
PERTH, W.A.

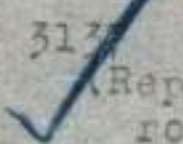
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ETAPLES MILITARY CEMETERY.

(b). LA NEUVILLE LES PRAY COMMUNAL CEMETERY, $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile south of Bray sur Somme.

GRAVES REGISTRATION UNITS.

34/Pn. 2189 FAXTER Pte *A. W.* 26/2/19
 (a) (Report Etaples 1.416/C)
 plot 72, row D, grave 17

3/Pnr Rgt 3135  WELLS Pte J.L. 24/8/18
 (b) (Report La Neuville-les-Pray 1.1/C)
 row 2 grave 6.

Original in file of No. 2189, Pte W. Faxter.

mb

Mr. A. M. Mills

Hensley Beach Post. Office

Adelaide

DECEASED
SECTION

DEC 29 1924

22-12-24

RECEIVED

Dear Sir

I thank you for the medals they are lovely. I want to let you know I have seen my son's grave; I went to England & France in 1922. His comrades all had given so clear a description of where he was buried that Australia House sent to France & I found it just as they Graves Commissioner had said a low cross erected by his comrades, the grave was mounded & flowers growing on it, as it had not been registered until I went. I have to think kindly of the French people who ever attended it. I might add he is the only Australian or Britisher in that French Cemetery & I hope they will not disturb it. The cross is so nice it might

would be left there. But should the
Committee decide otherwise I left
a notice at Australia House to have
that cross forwarded to Perth where
it will be placed on the grave of my
late husband & their memorial stone.
His father died in 1915 as well.
My one wish now is to go to Perth
once more, & I hope to do so.

Yours Truly
Alice Maud Mills

Compliments of the Search,

(H.)

~~3/13/19 (div) 3/14/19 (div) 3/15/19 (div) 3/16/19 (div) 3/17/19 (div) 3/18/19 (div) 3/19/19 (div) 3/20/19 (div) 3/21/19 (div) 3/22/19 (div) 3/23/19 (div) 3/24/19 (div) 3/25/19 (div) 3/26/19 (div) 3/27/19 (div) 3/28/19 (div) 3/29/19 (div) 3/30/19 (div) 3/31/19 (div)~~
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1919

Dear Sir

Will you please forward information concerning my late dear son's effects

I am anxious to get to England & France. - until things are settled I must remain in Perth.

The copy of a letter sent to my sister in London I enclose as it is too painful a subject for me to write it over

Please return the copy & oblige

Yours very truly
Alice Maud Wells

3/11 W. O. Bartlett 17/1

Parcel to be sent if there to my private address

W. O. Bartlett, 9 Harriet Terrace, Perth

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

B.R. Form No. 6.

D.S.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE.

VICTORIA BARRACKS.

MELBOURNE 13th November, 1918.

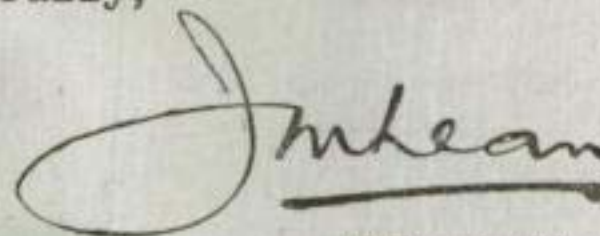
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Dear Sir,

As requested in your communication of 20th September last,
I beg to enclose herewith certificate of report of death of
the late No. 3137. Private J. L. Wells, 3rd Pioneer Battalion.

Yours faithfully,

The Manager,
A. M. P. Society,
PERTH. W.A.

 Major,

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

Don't fail to send change of your address to Base Records, Melbourne.

D.

No. 3137.

----- Private Joseph Leonard Wells,
3rd Pioneer Battalion,
Australian Imperial Force,

XXXXX was killed in action, -----

(no record available)

24th August, 18.

Cable No. C.I.B.L.

2805, from the Commandant A.I.F. Headquarters, dated London
2nd September 1918, confirmed by Mail from the Commandant A.I.F.
Headquarters, dated London, 10th September 1918. -----

13th November, 18.

Major.

W I L L

4322

In the event of my death I appoint -----
of -----

Executor of this my last will and Testament.

I give and bequeath to

Will made before Embarkation and Lodged with

Mrs. Alice M. Wells,
Grosvenor Hotel,
Hay Street, East,
Perth

Signature in full.

J. L. WELLS

No. 3137 Rank. L/Cpl. 3rd Battalion Aust Pioneers.

Witness H Bateman Sgt
11th Jany 17.

Certified to be a true copy of location of Will extracted from
the Pay Book of No. 3137 Pte WELLS Joseph Leonard 3rd
Pnr. Bn. (Deceased) Original forwarded to D.P.M. 5th M.D.

[Signature] Cpl.
Estate Branch
Adm. Hd. Qrs. London

CW *[Signature]*

IWD.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.
KIT STORE.



110, GREYHOUND ROAD,
FULHAM, LONDON.

S.W.

Telephone:—HAMMERSMITH 1899.

Inventory of Effects of— 3137 Wells.J.L. 3rd Pnr Btn. A.I.F.

Forwarded to— Will with Mrs Alice M.Wells, N.O.K., Father:—
Grosvenor Hotel, Mr Edwin C.Wells,
Hay Street, Same address.
East Perth,
W.A.

Effects received from the field. 23.9.18.(3/7201).
1 Parcel(sealed) containing:-

1 Disc, 1 Money belt, 1 Wallet, 1 Metal mirror,
1 Note case, Photos, Cards, 3 Cable-grams, Letters,
Press cuttings, 1 Copy of will, 1 Note book.

SARDINIA

No. of Package D/s. 42918

Checked by

3137. Pte. WELLS. J.L. 3rd Pioneer Bn. A.I.F.
Killed in Action 24.8.18.

The following are the full particulars of the death of No. 3137. Pte. J.L. WELLS. of this Battalion.

During the attack on the Village of LA NEUVILLE, the Company to which Pte. Wells belonged were advancing. One of a few stray shells fell near him, and he was hit in the forehead with a shell splinter and died immediately.

His remains were buried in the Military Cemetery at LA NEUVILLE Location Sheet 62D L22. c.32.35. and a cross has been erected by the members of this Battalion.

We have written to Pte. Well's next of kin, and have also made arrangements for photographs of the grave to be sent.

FIELD.
12.11.18. M.

Sgt. C. Raymond. Lieut.
Adj. 3rd Aust. Pioneer Battalion.

TELEGRAM.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Charges to Pay—Message

Postmaster-General's Department,

Porterage

E.T. No. 2

B.774/6.18.—C.4897.

To

No.

Officer in Charge

Base records

Melbourne.

02135

3 p.m. 4/5/44
5-4/44

This message has been received subject to the Post and Telegraph Act and Regulations.

DATE STAMP.

All complaints to be addressed in writing to the Deputy Postmaster-General.



PAID

STATION FROM.

No. OF WORDS.

CHECK.

TIME LODGED.

REMARKS.

Perth WA

37 2/9

2-27 pm

Forward bit belonging to J L Wells three one three seven third pioneers killed in action August Bray France on leaving state

Paul Wells

Merton Lodge

Victoria Avenue

Hay St Perth.



10:0 am
5/4

TIME RECEIVED.

3-50 pm/PA

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

B.R. Form No. 6.

D. T. AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS,
MELBOURNE.

6th August, 1919.

Dear

Sir,

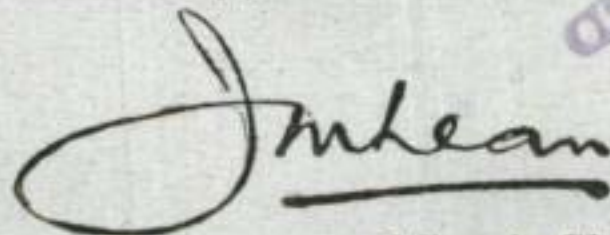
As requested in your communication of

I beg to enclose herewith certificate of report of death of the
late

No. 3137, Private J. J. Wells, 3rd Pioneer Battalion.

Yours faithfully,

The Manager,
West Australian Trustee, Executor
and Agency Company Limited,
Box No. 366. G.P.O.
PERTH. W.A.

In duplicate
23rd ultimo
 Major,

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

Do not forget to advise any change of address to Officer i/c, Base Records, Melbourne.

D. T.

No. 3137.

-----Private Joseph Leonard Wells,
3rd Pioneer Battalion,
Australian Imperial Force.

~~XXXXXXXX~~ was killed in action, -----

~~mm~~ in France,

24th August, 18.

Cable No. C.I.B.I.

2805, from the Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters, dated London,
2nd September, 1918, confirmed by Mail from the Commandant, A.I.F.
Headquarters, dated London, 10th September, 1918, and Army Form B.103.

6th August, 19.

Major,

O.H.M.S.

AM109

To

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I certify that this Telegram is sent on the
service of the
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

..... Colonel,
Commandant, Administrative Headquarters,
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

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MG

mmm 4780

8th October, 1921.

Officer in Charge,
Australian Graves Services,
Australia House,
Strand,
London, W.C.2.

DESPATCH

10 OCT 1921

It is understood that the mother
of the late No. 3137 Private J. L. Wells, 3rd Pioneer Battalion,
has proceeded to England, but her address cannot be ascertained.
If this information is available from your records, kindly furnish
same.

Major,

Officer i/c Base Records.

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,

Dear

Forwarded herewith, per separate registered post, package
containing personal effects of

as per inventory attached.

(Enclosure.)

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

Yours faithfully,

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

COMMONWEALTH MILITARY FORCES.

5th MILITARY DISTRICT.

DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS,
PERTH.

27th Sept, 1921.

TELEPHONES:

Dis. Hd. Qrs.	A3147
	A1575
	A1675
	A2334

and for other Branches see
Military Dept. in Telephone
Directory.

PS

In your reply please quote:

D.C.R. 118 / 3 / 420

The Officer i/c Base Records,
MELBOURNE.

Re late No. 3137 Pte WELLS J.L. 3rd Pnrs.

In reply to your memo of 12/7/21, please note that every endeavour has been made, and the services of the Press utilized, to find the present address of Mrs A. M. Wells, the mother of the abovenamed, but without result. It is understood that this lady has proceeded to England, but her address cannot be ascertained.

Should this information come to hand you will be immediately advised.

Lawrence

Captain.
Admin Staff, 5th District Base.

DECEASED SECTION
OCT 5 1921
RECEIVED

BASE RECORDS
OCT 8 1921

BASE RECORDS.

Melbourne

[Handwritten signature]

Write London

MG

TELEPHONE:
CENTRAL ~~XXXX~~ 4780

AUSTRALIAN 'IMPERIAL' FORCE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS,

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

Melbourne, 12th June, 1922.

Dear Sir,

It is understood that the mother of
the late No. 3137 Private J. L. Wells, 3rd Pioneer
Battalion, has proceeded to England, and in order
that the records may be brought up to date I shall
be glad if you will furnish me with her present address.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. Deau Major,
Officer i/c Base Records.

(WU)

Mr. E. R. Wells,
Hay Street,
East Perth, W.A.

J. G. 12/7

*AsR asks for address
of No 3137.*

MG

TELEPHONE:
CENTRAL 4780

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

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS.

Melbourne, 13th May, 1922.

Dear Madam,

It is understood that the mother
of the late No. 3137 Private J. L. Wells, 3rd Pioneer
Battalion, has proceeded to England, and in order that
the records may be brought up to date, I shall be glad
if you will furnish me with her present address.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. Deau Major,
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. G. M. Hogg,
Ellesmere Road,
Mt. Lawley, W.A.

DG/IK.

xxx 4730.

27 NOV 1924

TRN/IK

The Chairman,
Repatriation Commission,
54 Market Street,
MELBOURNE.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly advise me whether any pension is being paid on account of the service of the late No. 3137 Private Joseph Leonard WELLS, 3rd Pioneer Battalion, and if so favour me with the name, address and relationship of the pensioner.

I am endeavoring to ascertain the present address of the late soldier's mother, Mrs. Alice Maud Wells who formerly resided at Merton Lodge, Victoria Avenue, Perth, W.A., but has, I understand, left Australia for England.

The favour of early attention is requested.

Captain,
Officer i/c Base Records.

10 DEC 1924

Dear Madam,

With further reference to the report of the regrettable loss of your son, the late No. 3137 Pte. J.L. Wells, 3rd Pioneer Battalion, I am now in receipt of advice from the Imperial War Graves Commission, London, that the remains of the late soldier are interred in the -

LA NEUVILLE LES BRAY COMMUNAL CEMETERY,
Row 2, Grave 6,

situated half a mile South of Bray-sur-Somme, France, where a permanent headstone of uniform design will be erected and engraved, with the full regimental description and date of death of your son, together with any verse or epitaph previously submitted in the form of a personal inscription.

I have also to inform you that the various war medals and other mementoes issuable in this connection are now available for disposal, and I should be glad to learn whether the undermentioned is your present postal address to which these items may safely be forwarded.

Thanking you in anticipation of the favor of an early reply.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. A.M. Wells,
C/- Post Office,
Henley Beach,
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Captain,
Officer i/c Base Records.

STAWELL & KEALL,
SOLICITORS.

G. L. STAWELL,
H. O. F. KEALL.

South British Chambers,
23 Barrack Street,

PERTH.

B.

5th February, 1919.

THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF BASE RECORDS,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

No. 3137 PRIVATE J. L. WELLS

Your letter of the 20th ult. addressed to Mrs.
A. M. Wells has been handed to us for reply.

Mr. E. O. Wells whom you describe as the deceased's
next of kin died over twelve months ago and Mrs. Wells has
been appointed Executrix of the will of the deceased
soldier. We are making the application for probate and
will produce the document to the District Paymaster here as
soon as it issues.

We shall be glad therefore if you will forward
the package of personal effects referred to in your letter
to Mrs. Wells in our care or to the District Paymaster to
be handed to Mrs. Wells or her order.

Yours faithfully,

Stawell & Keall.



STAWELL & KEALL,
SOLICITORS.

G. L. STAWELL.
H. C. F. KEALL.

South British Chambers,
23 Barrack Street,

PERTH.

B.

10th March, 1919.

THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF BASE RECORDS,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

CORRESPONDENCE NO. 89328

We received your letter of the 20th ult.
regarding the late No. 3137 Private J.L. Wells, and as
requested forward herewith statutory declaration by
Mrs. Wells together with certified copy will of the
deceased.

Mrs. Wells's present address is "Merton
Lodge" Victoria Avenue, Perth.

2 Encls:

Yours faithfully,

Stawell Keall,

M. May 22/19

✓

*The West Australian Trustee, Executor & Agency Company
Limited.*

MAIL ADDRESS:
"TRUSTEE," PERTH.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED TO "THE MANAGER,"
AND NOT TO INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

TELEPHONE A 3145 (2 LINES.)

BOX No. 368, G.P.O.

Barrack Street.

S/M

Perth, 23rd July 1919

The Officer in Charge,
Base Records,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE, Victoria.

DECEASED
SECTION
AUG 7 1919
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Dear Sir,

re No. 3137 Pte. JOSEPH LEONARD WELLS
3rd Pioneer Batt. A.I.F. (Decd.)

Will you please furnish us with two copies
of the Military Certificate of Death of the abovenamed
soldier, who was killed in action on the 24th August, 1918.

Yours faithfully,

J. McKean
Actg. Asst. Secretary.

BASE RECORDS
JUL 31 1919
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CITY 1740. EXT.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:

"CROTONATE, ESTRAND, LONDON."



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE OFFICIAL SECRETARY.

AUSTRALIA HOUSE,

STRAND, LONDON, W.C.2.

AND QUOTE

No. A.G.S.95/3/10.

27th April, 1922.

Officer i/c Base Records,
Department of Defence,
Melbourne.

3137 Pte. J.L. WELLS, 3rd Pnr. Bn.
Killed in action 24.8.18.

With reference to your memorandum of the 8th
October, 1921, enquiries made at this end have failed
to locate the whereabouts of the above named soldier's
next of kin.

According to this office's records the next
of kin is registered as father, whose address is given
as Grosvenor Hotel, Hay Street, Perth, Western
Australia.

Any further information obtained will be
forwarded to you.



[Handwritten signature]
Acting Official Secretary.

[Handwritten signature]

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

TELEPHONE
CENTRAL 7060

REPATRIATION COMMISSION

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH
PULTENEY STREET, ADELAIDE

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO
"THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER"
AND QUOTE G. 24/C.13571.

4th December, 1924.

MWC/EB. Pens.

54784

MEMORANDUM for:-

The Officer-in-charge,
Base Records,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE.

re Mrs. Alice M. Wells -, mother of Joseph L. Wells -
ex/No.3137, Pte. 3rd Pnrs.A.I.F. (deceased)

I have to inform you that the last known
address of the abovenamed is - c/o Post office,
Henley Beach, South Australia.

The pension is payable at that post office.
Certificate No.354526.

J.W. Bell
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.

DECEASED
SECTION
DEC 8 1924
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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO
"THE SECRETARY,"

AND QUOTE

G 5474

TELEPHONES:
CENTRAL 8464, 8465, 8466.

REPATRIATION COMMISSION,

HEAD-QUARTERS,

54 MARKET STREET, MELBOURNE.

1st December, 1924.

MEMORANDUM for -

22301

The Officer-in-Charge,
Base Records,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE.

re Ex-3137, Pte. Joseph L. WELLS, 3rd Pnr. Btn. (Deed.)

In reply to your memorandum of the 27th November, 1924, I have to advise that Mrs. Alice Maud Wells was granted a war pension as the widowed mother of the above-named. The records of this office disclose that the pension was transferred in February, 1922, for payment in England and that pensioner subsequently returned to Australia in December of the same year, her address being given as c/o Post Office, Henley Beach, Adelaide, South Australia. ✓

2. The Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation, Adelaide, is being requested to furnish you with Mrs. Wells' last known address.

I see letter 4.12.24
J. M. Summers
CHAIRMAN, REPATRIATION COMMISSION.

2049.

COPY WILL

THIS IS THE LAST WILL of me JOSEPH LEONARD WELLS formerly of Grosvenor Hotel Hay Street East Perth W.A. (CIVIL SERVANT) but now a member of His Majesty's Forces engaged on active service I REVOKE all prior testamentary dispositions and I DEVISE AND BEQUEATH all my real or personal estate of whatsoever kind or description and wheresoever situate to my mother Alice Maud Wells who now resides at the Grosvenor Hotel Hay Street East Perth W.A. whom I HEREBY APPOINT as Executrix and Trustee hereof UPON TRUST for my mother Alice Maud Wells of Hay St East Perth W.A. my father Edwin Courtney Wells of Hay St East Perth W.A. my sister Gertrude Maud Hogg of Ellesemere Road Mt Lawley W.A. my brother Edwin Ruben Wells of Hay St East Perth W.A. in equal parts. Should any of these pre-decease me their portion to be divided equally with those surviving. AND I HEREBY AUTHORISE AND EMPOWER my said Executrix and Trustee to exercise any powers which may be necessary for the purpose of giving effect to this my will in the same full and unrestricted manner as if ~~he and or~~ ^{she} they were solely and beneficially entitled to my said real or personal estate.

IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand this Twenty-eighth day of December one thousand nine hundred and sixteen J.L.WELLS

SIGNED by the Testator as for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us both present at the same time who at his request in his sight and presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses - H.P.MANNING Y.M.C.A. Blackboy Hill W.A. - E.F.BRADY Y.M.C.A. Blackboy Hill W.A.

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We the undersigned Clerks to Messrs Stawell & Keall Solicitors Perth hereby certify that we have examined the above with the original Will of which it purports to be a copy and that we have found the same to be a true copy in every particular

J.W. Betts.
H. Stanbury.

14 Mch 1917.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

STATUTORY DECLARATION

I, ALICE MAUD WELLS of *"Merton Lodge" Victoria Avenue Perth*
Widow do solemnly and sincerely declare :

1. _____ I AM the Widow of Edwin Courtney Wells late of Grosvenor Hotel Hay Street Perth Hotelkeeper who died at Perth aforesaid on the sixth day of January One thousand nine hundred and eighteen and the Mother of No. 3137 Private Joseph Leonard Wells late of the same address a member of the Australian Imperial Force who died on the twenty-fourth day of August One thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

2. _____ THE said Edwin Courtney Wells was nominated by the said Joseph Leonard Wells as his next of kin and I am desirous of being recorded as next of kin of the said Leonard Joseph Wells in the place and stead of the said Edwin Courtney Wells.

3. _____ I AM the Executrix appointed under the Will of the said Joseph Leonard Wells.

AND I MAKE this solemn declaration by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1911 conscientiously believing believing the statements contained therein to be true in every particular.

DECLARED at Perth aforesaid
this seventh day of March One
thousand nine hundred and
nineteen

A M Wells

Before me :

W. Betts

A Commissioner of the Supreme Court of
Western Australia for taking affidavits

3137
D 50366

MEDICAL HISTORY of

Surname WELLS ✓ Christian Name Joseph Leonard

TABLE I. GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace ... Jersey, Channel Islands

Examined ... on 5 day of January 1916
at Perth

Declared Age ... 26³/₄

Trade or Occupation ... Civil servant

Height ... 5 feet 8¹/₂ inches.

Weight ... 137 lbs.

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully Expanded 35 inches.

{ Range of Expansion 2 inches.

Physical Development and Pulse rate

Vaccination Marks { Arm Right Left
Number None

When Vaccinated ...

Vision ... { R.E.-V = 6/6
L.E.-V = 6/6

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease { (a)

(b) Slight defects, but not sufficient to cause rejection { (b)

Approved by ... (Signature) [Signature]
(Rank) [Blank] Medical Officer.

Enlisted ... at Black Boy Hill
on 1 day of February 1916

	Corps.	Regtl. No.
Joined on Enlistment ...	<u>44</u> ✓	
Transferred to ...	<u>43rd</u> ✓	<u>3137</u> ✓

Became non-effective by... Deceased D 50366

on _____ day of _____ 19 _____

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Part 2

Sick List in the case of Warrant Officers treated in Quarters.

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. If an accident, state whether it occurred on duty.

Signature of Medical Officer.

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Duty*

H. J. [unclear] Major

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24th October, 1921.

Officer i/c Base Records,
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3137 Private J.L. WELLS, 3rd Aust.Pnr.Bn.
Killed in action 24.8.18.

The above named soldier was originally reported
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