

A Soldier of the Great War

Private Bryan Berecry



Bryan BERECRY

Regimental number 55

Religion Roman Catholic

Occupation Motor mechanic

Address 122 Alfred Street,
North Sydney, New South Wales

Marital status Single

Age at embarkation 22

Height 5' 10"

Weight 172 lbs

Next of kin Mother, Mrs M Berecry,
122 Alfred Street, North Sydney,
New South Wales

Enlistment date 20 February 1915

Rank on enlistment Private

Unit name 18th Battalion, C
Company

AWM Embarkation Roll number 23/35/1

Embarkation details

Unit embarked from Sydney, New
South Wales, on board Transport A40
Ceramic on 25 June 1915

Rank from Nominal Roll Bombardier

Unit from Nominal Roll 6th Field
Artillery Brigade

Fate Returned to Australia 1 April
1919

Discharge date 17 July 1919

Family/military connections Brother:
2829 Pte Matthew BERECRY, 5th Field
Ambulance, returned to Australia, 3
March 1919.

Other details

War service: Egypt, Western Front

Embarked Alexandria to join the
British Expeditionary Force, 18
March 1916; disembarked Marseilles,
France, 25 March 1916.

Commenced return to Australia on
board HT 'Shropshire', 1 April
1919; disembarked Melbourne, 17 May
1919, for onward travel to Sydney;
discharged (medically unfit),
Sydney, 17 July 1919.



Bryan Berecry enlisted in the Aif on the 20th February 1915 Australian born from Liverpool NSW this 22 year old was a motor mechanic working for the Reliance Motor Company.

His next of Kin is listed as his mother Mary Berecry.

Matthew Berecry (his brother) enlisted just 2 days later on the 22/February 1915.

Brian's enlistment number was 55 while Matthews was 2829

Matthew enlisted in the 5th field ambulance while Bryan was enlisted in C Company of the 18th Battalion 5th Brigade.

He was later to become a gunner in the 6th Field Artillery Brigade.

He then embarked on HMAT Ceramic on the 25th June 1915 He was bound for the Great War via Egypt.

He reported for duty in Egypt on the 10th January 1916.

He remained a private until February 1916 when he was promoted to Lance Corporal upon his completion of training while stationed in Tel-er-Kebir and Mt Kembla in Egypt.

He finally was on the move to Alexandrina with the British expeditionary for forces departing on the 18th March 1916. Disembarking at Marseilles in France on the 23rd March 1916.

He was appointed a driver with the 3rd Division Ammunition Corp at this time and served on the front with the 18th battalion during and up until September 1916

18th Battalion

The 18th Battalion was raised at Liverpool in New South Wales in March 1915 as part of the 5th Brigade. It left Australia in early May, trained in Egypt from mid-June until mid-August, and on 20 August 1915 landed at Anzac Cove.

After returning to Egypt, the AIF underwent a period of reorganisation as it was expanded from two infantry battalions to five prior to their transfer to Europe. As the battalion was rebuilt, further training was undertaken before it was sent to France, arriving there in late March 1916.

For the next two-and-a-half years they participated in most of the main battles fought by the Australians on the Western Front. Their first major action came at Pozieres in mid-1916 as part of the wider Battle of the Somme, being committed twice in July and August. In late August, the 18th was withdrawn to Belgium to recover, before returning to the Somme in October. For the rest of 1916, the battalion undertook defensive duties along the front, although they were not involved in any major attacks. The following year, the Germans shortened their lines and withdrew to the

Hindenburg Line, after which the 18th Battalion took part in the fighting around Warlencourt in February as the Allies sought to follow up the German withdrawal. A brief advance followed before they came up against the forward positions of the Hindenburg Line. In May the 18th Battalion was committed to the Second Battle of Bullecourt before moving again to Belgium where they saw further action around the Ypres Salient at Menin Road in September and Poelcappelle in October before settling down for the winter.

In 1917 the 18th was involved in the follow-up of German forces during their retreat to the Hindenburg Line, and was involved in some particularly heavy fighting around Warlencourt in late February. The battalion took part in three major battles before the year was out: the second Bullecourt (3-4 May) in France; and Menin Road (20-22 September) and Poelcappelle (9-10 October) in Belgium.

After another winter of trench duty, the spring of 1918 brought a major German offensive that the 18th Battalion helped to repel. With this last desperate offensive turned back, the Allied armies turned to the offensive and the 18th participated in the battles that pushed the German Army ever closer to defeat: Amiens on 8 August, the legendary attack on Mont St Quentin on 31 August, and the forcing of the Beaurevoir Line around Montbrehain on 3 October. For his actions at Montbrehain, Lieutenant Joseph Maxwell was awarded the Victoria Cross. Montbrehain was the battalion's last battle; it was training out of the line when the armistice was declared and was disbanded on 11 April 1919.

Bryan's story....

From records it appears that Bryan was wounded in early December 1916 and was hospitalised in Abbeville in France and repatriated to Weymouth in Kent England and upon discharge and rejoining his unit 18th Battalion he rejoined the 3rd Division Ammunition Corp in December 1916 as Bombardier in the Artillery Brigade.

He appeared to remain here during the harsh winter of 1916/1917 and in a July was to join the 6th and 7th Field Artillery Brigade

The Brigade went into action on 17 January 1917 at Armentieres and took part in the battles of Menin Road, Broodseinde, Passchendaele, Morlancourt, Mont St. Quentin, Messines and the Hindenburg Line.

Towards the end of the war, in 1918, the Brigade served with the 27th United States Division. On 3 April 1919 the 7th and 8th Field Artillery Brigades were amalgamated. By the end of April only about 250 men remained in both brigades and on 1 May 1919 2nd Division Artillery and 7th Field Artillery Brigade ceased to function. The remaining personnel were formed into one battery (26 Field Battery) and attached to 4th Field Artillery Brigade for demobilisation. On 18 August 1919, the Brigade was removed from the line of battle

In September 1917 after a further wounding Bryan was discharged from hospital and joined the unit as a gunner at his own request. The 7th Artillery Brigade was mainly engaged around The Messines area during July 1917 and beyond. He was also reported in action around Warneton.

Battle of Messines

Comines-Warneton, like the surrounding area, was devastated during the First World War (WWI). Many Australians know Comines-Warneton as being where the 1st Australian Tunnelling Company built the Catacombs in 1915 and by its associations with the Battle of Messines two years later. This was the first large-scale action involving Australian troops in Belgium with the 3rd and 4th Divisions involved.

The Battle of Messines began on 7 June 1917 and was fought along a wide front. Australian infantry fought on the southern end of this line near Messines village. To the north at Hill 60 near Ypres/leper Australian tunnellers played a vital role in the detonation of part of a series of huge mines beneath the enemy's trenches. The 1st Australian Tunnelling Company had worked there since November 1916. Finally, along the whole British front, 19 mines were exploded at the start of the battle with a devastating effect - an estimated 10,000 German troops died in the explosions. Messines was an important success for the British Army leading up to the beginning of the Third Battle of Ypres several weeks later.

Records show that he was reported wound again to hospital in September 1918 from a gas episode and later returned to his brigade as the war came to an end. After the armistice he was admitted to hospital with serious influenza

He was then considered unfit for duty and discharged finally returning to Australia on the 1st April 1919 on the Shropshire disembarking and discharged in July 1919.

Bryans Brother , Matthew was in the 5th Field Ambulance.

Service Number: 2829

Rank: Private

Roll title: 5 Field Ambulance (May-June 1915)

Conflict: First World War, 1914-1918

Date of embarkation: 31 May 1915

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: HMAT Ajana A31

The Unit was first raised & with the formation of A and B sections at Liverpool (Sydney) camp on the 15th March 1915, under the command of Lt.Col. R.E.Roth, D.S.O. V.D.

The Unit then moved to Queens Park, Waverley (Sydney) where all branches of training was carried out. (It had been intended to form C section of Tasmanian troops, but eventually a complete NSW Unit was formed.

On the 12th of May 1915, one Officer and thirteen O.R.s (other ranks) left for EGYPT on board the S.S. THERMOSTICLES.

The Ambulance Transport Sub Divisions and part of C section departed Sydney on the 31st May 1915 on board the SS AJANA.

The MAIN BODY of the Field Ambulance departed on the 25th June 1915 on board the SS CERAMIC.

A mishap occurred with the SS AJANA in that due to the extreme heat in the Red Sea, the ship berthed at BOMBAY to give the horses a spell but on entering the docks it struck the lock gate and buckled her bow.

This gave the all the troops aboard a week in BOMBAY whilst repairs were carried out.

Proceeding to SUEZ, the troops etc then were railed to HELIOPOLIS, where they went into camp where they were rejoined by the main body (who had crossed without incident).

The unit, after training and equipping, departed for GALLIPOLI (minus its transport element) and arrived at ANZAC COVE, before daylight, on the 22nd August 1915.

8 Officers and 198 O.R.s disembarked in the early hours of the morning with the last party reaching the shore just after daybreak.

For the remainder of the day, the unit rested in RESERVE GULLY.

At 7.30pm, it left for HILLS POINT and the first real field work was done by the section of stretcher bearers who were called on to assist in carrying wounded from HILL 60.

On the following day (23rd), the Field Ambulance set up its first Dressing Station by establishing an Aid Post at WALDRONS POINT-this was the FIRST ambulance post to be set up by an Australian Division.

From 7pm on the 23rd till 4am the next morning, 307 casualties passed through the Aid Post. This consisted of a small operating tent where 6 Medical Officers and staff were working continuously.

The stretcher-bearers had to carry patients approx. 3 miles. The 5th Fd Amb suffered its own first casualty when Pte. W. Ramage was killed while collecting wounded, with other volunteers, in no mans land.

On the 7th of September, B section moved to POPES POST while A and C sections went to REST GULLY;. Later, B section moved to MULE GULLY.

About the 12th of December, preparations commenced for the EVACUATION of GALLIPOLI and 36 volunteers were called for, to remain with the battalions to assist with any wounded at the last minute--every MAN in the unit VOLUNTEERED to stay behind.

Many felt a keen disappointment at having to depart with the main body on the 15th of December.

It is interesting to note that from the 23rd of August to 31st of November 1915, 2,934 patients were attended to and of these, 969, later rejoined their units for duty.

After leaving GALLIPOLI, the 5th spent a few days at LEMNOS and celebrated its first CHRISTMAS.

After leaving LEMNOS, they reached ALEXANDRIA on the 8th January 1916. They traveled by train to TEL-EL-KABIR, where the transport sub-divisions rejoined. From here the complete unit left for FERRY POST on the SUEZ CANAL.

While they were here, C section was sent to form part of the 15th Australian Field Ambulance and the remainder left MOASCAR for FRANCE on the 17th March 1916, aboard S.S.ARCADIAN and arrived without mishap at MARSEILLES on the 22nd March. The following night the unit left by train for Northern FRANCE. The impressions of this 3-days journey will never be forgotten as the troops witnessed smiling faces, waving handkerchiefs and blowing kisses from every farmhouse and village and railway station they passed through. Gifts of flowers and fruit were pressed on them.

The destination was a small French village about 25 miles from the front line.

In the distance could be seen the flashes from the guns and flares and the reports of the shell explosions would float back to our lines.

Lord KITCHENER and General JOFFRE reviewed the Australian troops a few days before they took their place in the firing line.

The area was a quiet one and no heavy action took place.

On the 1st of July, the unit moved to the SOMME to take part in the great offensive.

Here the Australians confirmed their reputation by the capture of POZIERES RIDGE and village.

The 5th, during that time, was in charge of the evacuation of a Divisional front and ALL patients passed through their HQ at BECOURT CHATEAU.

After a very strenuous week, the unit moved back to CANAPLES where recuperation and reorganisation took place.

Here a new C section was formed and the unit was brought back to its former strength.

On the 29th August the unit was back in the line. The great battle was still raging and the unit worked with stretcher bearers from other Field Ambulances on a line of evacuation running through the place where POZIERES had once been, out to MOUQUET FARM.

After a week or so, the unit left for VARDENCOURT and from there took over part of the line in the YPRES sector.

A fairly quiet month was spent here before we were sent back to the SOMME for the winter.

Our HQ was located at BECORDEL whilst our stretcher bearers worked in the FLERS, MONTAUBAN and DELVILLE WOOD sectors.

Our second Christmas was spent here and a very muddy Christmas it was!

After a rest at RIBERMONT, our HQ took over the post in the German-made dug-outs under the remains of the famous CONTALMAISON CHATEAU.

Our Advanced Dressing Station was at MARTINPUICH.

We were here when the evacuation of BAPAUME took place and on the first signs of this an Advance post was placed at LE SARS on the BAPAUME ROAD.

A number of stretcher squads from our unit formed part of the pursuing column, whose work was to keep in close touch with the enemy.

The next action for our unit was the famous BULLECOURT battle. It was here that the Australians broke the HINDENBURG LINE.

The stretcher-bearers of ALL the ambulances engaged earned special praise for their magnificent work under constant observation and enemy shellfire. Unfortunately, more casualties were suffered here than in any previous action.

After BULLECOURT, the Australians received a well earned rest and during May, June and July, excellent weather favoured the various forms of sport and training which took place. Later, the unit moved to the ST OMER district and further training took place. It was here that the 2nd Division was reviewed by General Sir Douglas HAIG on the 29th August 1917. The C.O. of our unit, 19 months prior to this, was Lt.Col.J.H.PHIPPS, D.S.O. and now his place was taken by Lt.Col.J.J.NICHOLAS.

We were then back in action in the great battles for PASSCHENDAELE and our unit shared in this work, which earned unstinted praise from all quarters.

The ambulance arrangements for the attack were supervised by Lt.Col.Nicholas who was killed on the first day of the attack. Our Advanced Dressing Station was on the MENIN ROAD and the stretcher bearers had strenuous work to do in conjunction with the advancing infantry.

The HONOURS awarded to our unit in WW 1 were:-

One DSO, one DCM, one MM and Bar and 37 MMs.

The Commanding Officers of 5 Field Ambulance were;

R.E. ROTH, J.H. PHIPPS, W.E. CROWTHER & J.R. MUIRHEAD

The unit was disbanded in 1919 and re-raised as a MILITIA unit in 1921, together with the 14th Field Ambulance.

Bryan Berecry
war records
(courtesy AWM and
National Archives)

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MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 554

Name

Unit

Joined on

B. Berecy

W. 7. 15

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

What is your Name?

1. Bryan Berecy

In or near what Parish or Town were you born?

2. In the Parish of Paddington in or

near the Town of Paddington

in the County of Cumberland

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

3. Natural Born

What is your age?

4. 22 years

What is your trade or calling?

5. Motor Mechanic

Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period?

6. To Reliance Motor Works at Sydney for 3 years

Are you married?

7. Single

Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated)

8. Mother Mrs M. Berecy

122 Alfred Street

North Sydney

140 6th Avenue

North Sydney N.S.W.

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Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power?

9. No

Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurrible 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

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

Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service?

12. Yes

Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds?

13. No

(For Married Men and Widowers with children)—Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you either before or after embarkation during your term of service?

14. No

I, Bryan Berecy 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 three-fifths

Date 20-2-15

Bryan Berecy
Signature of person enlisted.

* This clause to be amended where necessary and should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.

REGISTRATION ALTERATION OR ACHANGE OF
ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN.

Reg. No. 55 Rank B. Unit 3rd Lab.

Name Berecny B.

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

Name _____

Address _____

To be now recorded as (Relationship) Mother

Name M^r Mary Berecny

Full postal Address 143, Blahden St., North Sydney N.S.W.

Remarks _____

Signature or Authority H 327/3/1 16/2/14

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To be referred to "A" Records Section for recording on card and notification of all concerned.

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Notification Made 16/2/14

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.

B. Berecny
Signature of Person Enlisted

Taken and subscribed at Liverpool in
the State of New South Wales
this Tuesday day 23rd of
February 1915, before me—

H.C. Goddard
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.

B/3 France 1/17/16 *Cmb. Ans. 25-6-15*

Statement of Service of No. *55*

Name

Berecy Bryan

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
	REJOINED UNIT FROM <i>Pel ce Kibir</i>	10.1.16		P.2 <i>2</i> 498 27.1.16
	PROMOTED <i>L. Corral</i>	15.2.16		" 1781 15.3.16
	To Hosp. (Sick), France	3.7.16		" 5626 20.7.16
	Emb'd for England on H.S. Brighton from Calais			
	Trach. left foot	24.7.16		" 54/ 5813 31.7.16
	ADMITTED Hos. Dist. HOSPITAL			
	Abbeville. Trach. Metatarsus (old) left	19.7.16		" 54/ 5813 31.7.16
	Disch to Peace Depot ex. Ho 5. Dist Hosp. Abbeville	20.7.16		" 54/ 5832 31.7.16
18 th Bn.	Taken on strength of. Ho 2 Com Dep. from Hansfeld	24.7.16		12 27/817E. 6.7.16
	Trans to 3 rd D.A.C.			
	Proceeding O/S France. 2 nd D.A.C.			19/8530 4/10/16
	3 rd D.A.C. D.O.			
2 nd Det. B.	T.O. from 18 th Battalion	30.11.16		17/11/16
2 nd Det. B.	Appointed Driver France	30.10.16		17/11/16
	(A/Ser) Offace Monte Video 10/9/16			
	Overstay of furl. from 1/10/16 till Reville 17/9/16.	19/9/16		21/640 17/10/17
	Quarrel. Reverted to rank of Ser. by Col. R.S. Brown			13 th D.A.C.
	Forfeit 9 days pay under R.O.			
	(Det) Trans: to 7 th Dist F.A.B. France	7-7-17		D/035/2381
				25.7.17
				B nd Dac)
	T.O. of 4 th F.A.B. from 3 rd Det. Honn Co. Camp	7-7-17		17/11/16
	Det. To Hosp. Sick	12.9.17		2049/2899 27.9/17
	Det. Rejoined unit from 17.9.17			40/2451 4.12.17
	I have examined the above details and find them correct in every respect.			7 th D.A.C.
A.10	Det. Remustered Gunner at own request	11.9.17		2041/2861 10.10.17
				4 th F.A.B.

Statement of Service of No. 55Name Boreory Bryan

Unit.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, etc.	Place.	Date.	Remarks.
447RB	<u>Ans</u> To be Temp/Dev. clct Solv. Cooper. was: injured Date Last Payment	France	3.4.18 24/7/18	7442 2034/2140. 14.8.18. R4 5/5572.
	<u>Ans</u> Reverts to rank of Gunner on return of Bde. Cooper. 25/8/18	"	25/8/18	" 29/2578. 13/9/18 774B
	<u>Ans</u> To be 5/ Bde. 5/9/18 vice Bde. Roub prom. 5/6pl. 5/9/18	"	5/9/18	" 41/2846 27/9/18 774B.
	1/10/18 wounded by gas.	"	29.9.18	1104/4/18 17.11.18
	" 4th 1918 to 129/2090 1918			
	" 129/516 "			
	" 139/2068 "			
	" 4/2430 1919			
	" 19/925 1919			
	" C 3228 1919			
	Added to Ans: from Eng for Shropshire (Invalid)		1.11.19	224204 1817619 9129293.

Entitled to 1914/15 Star.....

Statement of Service of No. 55Name H. Berenay Bryan

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
18th. BATTALION.	<i>Private</i>	20-2-15	14-2-16	
<i>3rd Lt. Col.</i>	<i>Appointed to 1st Lt. Col.</i> <i>Waver</i>	15-2-16	29/11/16	<i>BR 114/24</i> <i>BR 4023 15/3/16</i> <i>From 1st Lt. Col. 15/3/16</i>
<i>4th F.A. Bde</i>			6-7-17	<i>Transf. BR 114/24</i>
"	<i>Gunner</i>	4-7-17	23-9-17	<i>Reverts BR 119/25</i>
"	<i>Bombdr (Temp)</i>	24-9-17	2-7-18	<i>Prom BR 1176 34/18</i>
"	<i>Gnr</i>	3-7-18	24-8-18	<i>Rev</i> <i>BR 900 39/18</i>
<i>Transf. in BR 83/ for 11th Bn</i>		25-8-18	2-9-18	<i>Prom BR 70 41/18</i>
<i>7th F.A. Bde.</i>	<i>Temp/Bdr.</i>	3-9-18	28-9-18	<i>Reverts BR 70 41/18</i>
"	<i>Gunner.</i>	29-9-18	19-10-18	<i>Prom</i> <i>Lo 129/117/18</i>
"	<i>Temp/Bdr</i>	20-10-18	6-11-18	<i>Reverts</i> <i>Lo 139/244/18</i>
<i>Do</i>	<i>Gunner</i>	7-11-18	6-11-18	<i>Prom</i> <i>Lo 139/244/18</i>
<i>Do</i>	<i>T/Bombdr</i>	7-11-18	15-12-18	<i>Reverts</i> <i>Lo 4/309/19</i>
<i>Do</i>	<i>Gunner</i>	19-12-18		

26th F. A. BdeDischarged 2

M. D.

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

B E R E C R Y	Bryan	55	18th Btn.
Surname	Other Names	Regimental No.	Unit.
PURPORT.		2nd M.D.	AUTHORITY.
Embarked Sydney per H.M.A.T. "Ceramic" 25/6/15		PTE.	
15/2/16. To be Lance Corporal to complete establishment.			MEFO. 23/3-16
10/1/16. Reported for Duty, Tel-el-kebir.			MEFO. 9/3-16
3/7/16. To Hospital (sick) France			BEFO 52/2-16
24/7/16 Adm 1st Eastn Gen Hpl.			I.B.28/18-16
8/8/16 Trns 1st Aux Hpl			IB 50/11-16
24/8/16 Dis from Hpl. Weymouth			IB 19/18-16
24/7/16. Embkd for England on H.S."Brighton" from Calais			
Fract. left foot.			BEFO. 54/4/16
18/7/16. Adm No5 Stat Hosp. Abbeville			BEFO. 54/5/16
20/7/16. Disch to Base Depot ex No 5 Stat Hosp. Abbeville.			BEFO. 54/5/16
24/8/16. Taken on strength of No.2. Com Depot from Harefield			LON. 27/1-16
24/7/16. Admt. to 1st. East. Gen. Hosp. Cambridge. (Frac: Toes Slight) (M.N.)			LON. 0.45/2-16
6/2/19. At 3rd Aux Hosp. INFLUENZA. Dang. & ser. ill. (sts 26th Bty)			IB. 666/46-19
D 88/2.16 - C 5024 17.7.19 Disc 2nd M.D. ex "S'shire" 17.5.19 MU		ER.	BRM. 43/772

14/3/19 CONVASCENT.	IB 696/31-19		
14/3/19 Disc to no.2. CD Influenza. (7th FAB)	LM IB 692/24-19	18th (Befo 10/2-18)	AUTHORITY.
30/1/16 Tkn on str. of 3rd D.A.C. from 11th Bn			BEFO 3/-17
30/12/16 APPOINTED DRIVER			BEFO 3/-17
10.9.16. Overstaying Furlough. Monte Video from midnight 10. 9.16			
till reveille 19.9.16. (states. A/Bdr.)			BEFO 21/4-17
19.9.16. Award. Reverts to rank of Gnr. Forf. 9 days pay			" "
7.7.17. Trans to 7th Aust. F.A.B			BEFO. 35/3-17
7/7/17 T.O.S. of 7th Aus Fld Arty. Bde from 3rd Div. Amm Col			BEFO 27/1-17
24/9/17 Remustered Gunner at own request P.B. No 191819			BEFO 41/6-17
17/9/17 Rejoined from Sick France.			BEFO 40/2-17
12/9/17 To Hosp Sick.	DC		BEFO 39/3-17
3.7.18 Promoted T/Bdr.	(MH)		BEFO 34/18
25/8/18 Reverts to Gnr.	(ER)		BEFO. 39/18
5/9/18 Prom T/Bdr.	(ER)		BEFO. 41/18
29/9/18 Reverts to Gnr 2088-4/19 (ER)			BEFO. 47/18
1/10/18 Adm L of C. Hosp wounded.	(ER)		BEFO. 43/2-18
29.9.18 Gassed. sts 7/FAB.	(ER)		BEFO. 44/1-18
15.10.18 Disc to base Depot exwounded.	(ER)		BEFO. 47/2-18
19.10.18 Rejd Bde.	(ER)		BEFO. 47/2-18
1.10.18 Adm to 72nd Gen. Hosp GASED (Sts 7th F.A.B.)	(MH)		IB 584/71-18
15.1.19 Emb. for Eng. ex AIED (1915 personnel)			DO 19/130-19

Casualty Form-Active Service.

Regiment of Corps "C" Coy. 18th Bn. 1st

Regimental No. 55 Rank Lance Name Berecuf, Bryan

Enlisted (a) Terms of Service (a) Service reckons from (a)

Date of promotion to present rank Date of appointment to lance rank Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os.

Extended No. 107819 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.
5/1/16. C.O. D. Reported for duty		Lelelkelin	10/1/16	B213 100.9/498
26/2/16 C.O. D. complete establishment		mt Kembla	15/2/16	B213 aP 5158 100.23/1481
3 PROCD TO JOIN B.E.P. DISEMBKD MARSEILLES				
8/7/16 4th Aust 38 Injury left foot adm		France	3/7/16	a36 AT 2314
8/7/16 2nd Aust 38 no to 12th Aust 38 adm		"	11/7/16	a36 AT 2319
8/7/16 C.O. D. hospital		"	13/7/16	B213. A. 210444. 1052/3626
Took part in raid on enemy's trenches on night of 25-26th June 1916 Fr. 502. 1. 2				
18/7/16 5. S. Nos. 38c. metatarsus (old) left		Abbeville	18/7/16	W3034. AT 1878/21 1054/3615
20/7/16 " 9 Dns to Base Depot		"	20/7/16	W3034. AT 1878/22. 1054/3622
21/7/16 26 4th 38 Injury foot. adm		Etaples	21/7/16	W3034 AT 1878/24
16/7/16 4th 38 18 to 5th 38 S.		France	10/7/16	a36 AK. 63-5
24/7/16 26 4th 38 to England		Etaples	24/7/16	W3034. AT 1878/26
24/7/16 4th 38 18 to England		Calais	24/7/16	W3034. AK. 63-5 1054/3613
22/7/16 2nd 38 18 to Abbeville		Etaples	21/7/16	B213. A. 21207
29/7/16 2 do. 18 to 26th Gen Hospital		"	22/7/16	B213 AK 14810
24.7.16 2nd 38 18 to England		England	24.7.16	B213 1975 2049/3685

(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.

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M.C.S.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

B.R. Form No. 9.

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

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,

VICTORIA BARRACKS,

MELBOURNE: 14th October, 1918.

Dear Madam,

I regret to advise you that Gunner B. Berecny, has been reported admitted to hospital France, on 1/10/18 - gassed (class as wounded) actual condition not stated.

His postal address will be—

No 55 Gunner B. Berecny,
7th Field Artillery Brigade
(late 18th Battalion)
Australian Imperial Force,
Abroad.

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

In the absence of further reports it is to be assumed that satisfactory progress is being maintained, but anything later received will be promptly transmitted, it being clearly understood that if no further advice is forwarded this department has no more information to supply.

Yours faithfully,

J. McLean Major,

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

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 which received				
24.8.16.	2nd Asst. No. 1 Harefield Middlesex	adm. 8.8.16. Transf. Lt. Fort. Sigd. to No. 2. term Depot. Weymouth class (15) not yet in one month	England	24.8.16	L.R. 5424
5-11-16.	5th Eng Bn	Marched out to 3rd D.C.	Pollington	29-10-16.	AX6294
4-11-16.	CO 3rd D.C.	Taken on Strength from 18th Bn	England	30-10-16	Comp DO 10/30/112
4-11-16.	CO 3rd D.C.	Appointed driver	do.	30-10-16	Comp DO 10/122
24-11-16.	3rd D.A.C.	PROCEEDED OVERSEAS FRANCE	Eng	24-11-16	F.R. 1535. B 213. D.O. 19/885E.
24-9-16.	No 2 Command Office Harefield	Monte Tides 10/9/16. Overstaying furlough from midnight 10-9-16 until Ruville 19-9-16. Award Ruville to Rank of Enr. Pay to R S Broome 19/9/16. Forfeit 9 days pay under R.N.	Weymouth	14-9-16.	AX6294 DO 2/1640
13-7-17	3rd D.A.C.	Transferred to 7th F.A.B.	Field	7-7-17	C30/38 D.O. 35/2381
13-7-17	7th F.A.B.	20.5 from 3rd D.A.C.	do	7-7-17	C26/38 D.O. 27/1424

Army Form B. 103

Regimental Number 55

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Rank Sgt Surname Berecny Christian Name Bryan
 Religion _____ Age on Enlistment _____ years _____ months
 Enlisted (a) _____ Terms of Service (a) _____ Service reckons from (a) _____
 Date of promotion to present rank _____ Date of appointment to lance rank _____
 Extended () Re-engaged Sheet 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 ...			
		Disembarked...			
15-9-17	Co 7 th JABde	To Hospital - Sick	Field	12-9-17	C26/DO 37/2238
12-9-17	7 th AF Amb.	3 rd Band (Dental)	do.	12-9-17	AK 1659/59.
16-9-17	do	3 rd Lfd to duty	do	16-9-17	AK 1659/90.
22-9-17	Co 7 th JABde	Repined from Hapl	do	17-9-17	56/59 DO 40/2451
29-9-17	Co 7 th JABde	Remastered Lnr at own request	do	24-9-17	56/59 DO 41/2861
15.6.18	do	3 rd (Gunner) To England leave	do	11.6.18	56/76
5-7-18	do	40 th Rejoined from leave	do	27-6-18	C26/79
3.8.18	do	11 th To be Temp Bntr vice	do	3.7.18	C26/83
		Bdr Cooper evacuated Inpt			DO 34/2170. (1918)
31.8.18	do	11 th Reverts to Gunner on	do	25.8.18	C26/87
		return of Bdr Cooper			DO 34/2578 (1918)

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

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[P.T.O.]

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				
6-9-18	C.O. 7 th A.B.	Gm. 104/180k. via Ross/Brondke T/Br.	Field	5-9-18	2588 AK 4/2546 (1918)
30.9.18	3 rd D.A.H.A.	T/Br. Wounded in Action - Gas	-	29.9.18	AT 25870.
5.10.18	Co. 7 th A.B.				AK 44/3146 (1918)
1.10.18	7 th Gen Hosp	Gm. Admnd (Gas Must. 10)	Donville	1.10.18	AK 320/18 AK 43/3035 (1918)
2.10.18	do	Sgt. To 1 st Avo. Con. Dep.	do	2.10.18	AK 320/112
3.10.18	1 st Avo. Con. Dep.	Sgt. Admnd Gas Must.	Harve	3.10.18	AK 320/25.
4.10.18	11 th A.F. Amb.	Sgt. Admnd Gas Shell	Field	29.9.18	AK 320/160
		Sgt. To C.C. Shit	-	29.9.18	
5.10.18	41 C.C. Shit	Sgt. Admnd Gas Shell	-	30.9.18	
		Sgt. To A.T. 103	-	30.9.18	AK 320/77.
15.10.18	1 st Avo. Con. Dep.	Sgt. To Harve Active	Harve	15.10.18	AK 320/103 30.9.18 3475 (1918)
16.10.18	AK 320.	Sgt. Left ex Con. Dep.	do	15.10.18	AK 320/110
22.10.18	do	Sgt. Info to Unit	do	19.10.18	AK 320/156.
26.10.18	Co. 7 th A.B.	Sgt. Rejoined Brigade	Field	19.10.18	C26/95 30.47/3445 (1918)
2.11.18	do	T/Br. Reverts to Gunner in evacuation wounded	Field	29.9.18	C26/96 30.47/3444 (1918)
2.11.18	do	Sgt. To be Temp. Adm. vice his loss to be T/Cpl.	do	20.10.18	C26/96 30.129/816 34/11/18
23.11.18	do	T/Br. Reverts to Gunner in the reversion of Ross	do	7.11.18	C26/99 30.139/14/15 2090

(SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).

Army Form B, 103-11,
Part II.

(2)
Regt. No.
55

Regiment or Corps 16th Bty. 7th Aus. F.A. Bde Regimental Number 55.

*Substantive Rank Gnr Surname Bessery Christian Names Bryan

*Acting Rank

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

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(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, reduction, reversion, casualty, &c.	(F) Remarks, and initials and rank of an officer
Date.	From whom received.					
23.11.18	G.7 th A.B.	Gnr 59	To be Temp. Bomb. vice Lt. Ross evacuated sick	Field	7.11.18	C26/99 DO 139/2068 10/12/18
23.12.18	do.	T/Lt 60	Reverts to sub. rank of Gnr on return of Ross	do.	19.12.18	C26/108 DO 4/2430 7.1.19
11.1.19	do	61 Gnr.	Reverts to sub. rank of Gnr on return of Ross	do.	8.1.19	C26/106
15.1.19	A.I.B.D.	62 -	To England (1915 Personnel)	House	15.1.19	9970/7/11 DO 14/226 25/1/19
21.1.19	C.O. 1 B.D.	63 -	Officer from France	Long	16.1.19	K21/86
4.2.19	3 rd Aus	65	Acron. Influenza & Measles Danger: Ill	do	11.2.19	11R19 1.B.665 C1B1 3226
10.2.19	C.O. 1 B.D.	66	Sick to 3 rd Aus. Riford	do	4.2.19	DO 2433
14.3.19	3 rd Aus	67	Reverts to sub. rank of Gnr on return of Ross	do	14.3.19	11R226 18/4/19 C.O. 1 B.D.
14.3.19	do	68	Progress Report. Conscientious Objector	do	14.3.19	11R226 18/4/19 C.O. 1 B.D.
15.3.19	C.O. 2 B.D.	69	Officer from France	do	14.3.19	11R226 18/4/19 C.O. 1 B.D.
			Reverts to sub. rank of Gnr on return of Ross	do		
			per: Shropshire			

