

# A Soldier of the Great War

## Private George Gordon Gilbert



Private George Gordon Gilbert AIF

### George Gordon GILBERT

Regimental number	2374
Place of birth	Small Heathem Birmingham, England
School	Technical School, Small Heath, Birmingham, England
Age on arrival in Australia	16
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Labourer
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	19
Next of kin	Father, W M Gilbert, Kenelm Road, Small Heath, Birmingham, England
Previous military service	Nil
Enlistment date	28 April 1915
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	<a href="#">5th Battalion, 7th Reinforcement</a>
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/22/2
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A64 <i>Demosthenes</i> on 16 July 1915
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	5th Battalion
Fate	Killed in Action 22 August 1918
Place of death or wounding	Cerisy, France
Age at death	21
Age at death from cemetery records	20
Place of burial	Cerisy-Gailly Military Cemetery (Plot I, Row A, Grave No. 37), France
Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial	43
Miscellaneous information from cemetery records	Parents: William and Ada GILBERT, 167 Kenelin Road, Small Heath, Birmingham, England
Source.....AIF Project	

## Private George Gordon Gilbert

Service number 2374

was born in Birmingham in England and arrived in Australia at the age of 16 . Little is known of why he came or who he lived with here. His parents in England were his next of kin and only known relatives. Upon his death no known forwarding address was present except his family in England.

He is recorded as having enlisted at the age of 19 years of age in the AIF just 3 days after the landing at Gallipoli on the 28<sup>th</sup> April 1915. He enlisted in the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion as a signaller and embarked Melbourne with other Victorian enlistees on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 1915 bound for the Great War.

All that gives identification of him is a scar on the left hand side of his face near his mouth. This is clearly seen in photographs of him from the Thuillier collection.

For the next two years he took part in the action of the Great war in major theatres as part of the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion.

## 5th Australian Infantry Battalion

*The 5th Battalion was among the first infantry units raised for the AIF during the First World War. Like the 6th, 7th and 8th Battalions it was recruited from Victoria and, together with these battalions, formed the 2nd Brigade.*

*The battalion was raised within a fortnight of the declaration of war in August 1914 and embarked just two months later. After a brief stop in Albany, Western Australia, the battalion proceeded to Egypt, arriving on 2 December. It later took part in the ANZAC landing on 25 April 1915, as part of the second wave. It was led by Lieutenant Colonel D. S. Wanliss, the officer who had raised the battalion. Ten days after the landing the 2nd Brigade was transferred from ANZAC to Cape Helles to help in the attack on the village of Krithia. The attack captured little ground but cost the brigade almost a third of its strength. The Victorian battalions forming the 2nd Brigade returned to ANZAC to help defend the beachhead, and in August the 2nd Brigade fought at the battle of Lone Pine. The battalion served at ANZAC until the evacuation in December.*

*After the withdrawal from Gallipoli, the battalion returned to Egypt and, in March 1916, sailed for France and the Western Front. From then until 1918 the battalion was heavily involved in operations against the German Army. The battalion's first major action in France was at Pozieres in the Somme valley in July 1916. After Pozieres the battalion fought at Ypres in Flanders then returning to the Somme for winter.*

*In 1917, the battalion participated in the operations that followed-up the German withdrawal to the Hindenburg Line, and then returned to Belgium to join the great offensive launched to the east of Ypres. In March and April 1918, the battalion helped to stop the German spring offensive. It subsequently participated in the great Allied offensive launched near Amiens on 8 August 1918. The advance by British and empire troops was the greatest success in a single day on the Western Front, one that German General Erich Ludendorff described as "the black day of the*

*German Army in this war".*

*The battalion continued operations until late September 1918. At 11 am on 11 November 1918, the guns fell silent. The November armistice was followed by the peace treaty of Versailles signed on 28 June 1919.*

*In November 1918 members of the AIF began to return to Australia for demobilisation and discharge. In April, the battalion was so reduced that it and the 8th Battalion were amalgamated to form a composite battalion. In turn, this battalion was amalgamated with another, formed from the 6th and 7th Battalions, to form the 2nd Brigade Battalion.*

Arriving in Alexandria on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 1915, the Anzacs were about to evacuate the Gallipoli Peninsula, George was stationed at Lemnos. Lemnos was an island of Greece in the northern part of the Aegean Sea. In 1915 the deep-water harbour at Moudros was used as a marshalling point for the attack on the Dardanelles, some 50 km away.

As a medical facility, the island was intended initially to deal with "light cases" only, those classified as likely to be well within twenty-eight days. But the 'rush of wounded' from the early August offensive and the 'flood of sick' that followed in late August, September and October necessitated its development as an intermediate military medical base.

No. 3 Australian General Hospital and No. 2 Australian Stationary Hospital were based at West Mudros alongside Canadian and British units.

On the 2nd November George was taken on strength and was a baggage guard at ANZAC from the 15<sup>th</sup> December until the Gallipoli evacuation. He returned to Alexandria in early January and after further training departed with the battalion for France on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1916. He arrived in Marseilles at the end of March 1916 and from here as part of the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion was sent to Northern France.

In April George was in the front line trenches around Armentaires at Fleurbaux. This was used as a training ground for the Australian troops as they began duty on the Western Front. It was sometimes called the nursery. Most of May 1916 was taken up by trench activities and training. June and July were also taken up with front line and reserve activities in Belgium and Northern France around Neuve Eglise. In July George even was visited by Commanding Officer General Birdwood.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> May the Battalion was transported to Baileul and the Doulons area on the Somme. Arriving at 10.20pm they were billeted at Flessells.

From here they were to take part in front line trench action at Poziers. On one day 25<sup>th</sup> July it was reported that 155 men were missing, whereabouts unknown presumed killed in action. Early August saw George's battalion behind the lines and resting and in reserve and on the 17<sup>th</sup> August they were back at the front but only for a short time before the battalion was returned to fighting in the Salient sector in Belgium. September saw training at Poperinge and as September began the Battalion prepared for a service in the front line in trenches in an around Ypres. For the remainder of September they were in reserve and training across a number of activities, Gas, practise firing, grenade throwing and the such like.

Late October again saw a move back to the Somme and the Dernancourt area with support in the area round Flexicourt and Albert.

The Battalion spent some time behind the lines in late November around Vignacourt and this is where George would have had his Thuillier photos taken .

The cold winter and December of 1916 saw training at Buire and again Albert and by February 1917 they were again in the front lines at Flers and Dernacourt. The battalion was on the front line now and in and out of trenches in support of various campaigns. They saw action at Montabaun and stayed in trench fighting on the Hindenberg line.

As the war raged on with only small gains made and lost and 1000's of casualties, George survived the horrors. In May 1917 he was in the Bullecourt Sector and trenches at Henencourt.

June and July 1917 saw them pulled from the front line and relieved after a harsh few months. They carried out supply operations, training and rest in behind the line areas such as Valey Sur Somme.

September saw the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion again return to Belgium. They were again in the Menin Road area and Westhoek and took part in the battle of the Menin Road and around Glencourse Wood and Hooze.

Again relieved from front line duties in October they were camped at Halifax Camp area and trained and recuperated. November and December saw a return to the line around Kemmel and being reserve battalion. This continued through January 1918 and being in camp at Tournai in Belgium. Early 1918 continued in the same way with movement through front line duty and support for the other battalions.

By August 1918 the Germans had decided to make a final assault and the Battalion returned to the Amiens area and the Somme. Fierce battles took place around Flers and Harbonniers.

The battalion rested in Hamel and moved through Corbie around the 20th August as they pushed the Germans South.

In heavy shelling and support action at Harbonniers and St Martin Woods, George and a number of his signaller companions were sadly killed in action on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1918 after two years of intense activity surviving some of the worst battle of the Great War.

Just a few kilometers from Villers Brettoneux , the town saved by Australians in April 1918 , George would be buried at Cerisy-Gailly Military Cemetery.



In Memory of  
Private

## George Gordon Gilbert

2374, 5th Bn., Australian Infantry, A.I.F. who died on 22 August 1918 Age 20

Son of William Martin Gilbert and Ada Eliza Bridge Gilbert, of 167, Kenelin Road, Small Heath, Birmingham, England.

Remembered with Honour  
Cerisy-Gailly Military Cemetery



## 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion War Diary entries of the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1918.

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INTELLIGENCE-SUMMARY.  
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Army Form G. 2115.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FRANCE WORMS Sheet	1918			
	Aug			
	22		Battalion at Divisional Reserve at X.22.b. List of Casualties during Operations 9.10.11 & 12th instant attached.	No. 16
	15		Battalion relieved by 2 Battalions American 158th Regiment and proceeded by march route to CHRIST, arriving there at about 9 p.m. Operation Order No. 34 attached. The Nucleus moved by march route from BLANCY TROUVILLE at about 2 p.m. and joined Battalion on arrival at CHRIST. 0 Apt. R.G. & 2. F. returned from U.I. leave. Lt. J.A. ANDERSON returned from Army Rest Camp. Lt. F.L. HAMPFORD returned from 2nd Army (A.I.). Capt. R.C. BARNES & 2nd Coy. taken on strength from 1st (A.I.). (Invalids).	No. 17
	16		Battalion resting at CHRIST. Morning spent in re-organising. Nothing in the evening during the afternoon. Fighting strength of 25 Officers & 501 O.R.	
	17		Do. Do. Do. Do.	
	18		Battalion moved by march route to HAMEL, leaving at 0.30 a.m. and arriving at HAMEL about 0.30 p.m. Operation Order No. 35. Tanks and Civil cars were erected in Sq O.S.D.1.6.	No. 18
	19		Battalion resting at HAMEL.	
	20		Do. Do. Do. Battalion paraded at 8.30 a.m. and witnessed a demonstration given by the Tanks near HAMEL. Lt. W.T. HENRIE returned from LIAISON FORCE (with American Unit).	
	21		Nucleus moved by march route to COMBES at 3 p.m. Lt. HARRY returned from 2 Army Machine School. Lt. HARRIS returned from 3rd Coy. Lt. W.T. HENRIE returned from 2 Army Field Medical School. On the night of 21/22nd Bn moved by march route to Support area of 14th A.I. Bde. Leaving HAMEL at 8 p.m. & arriving in Support Trench at R.19 D at about 11.00 p.m. "A" & "B" Coys 5th Bn relieved "B" Coy 53rd Bn. "C" & "D" Coys 5th Bn relieved "C" Coy. 53rd Bn. Operation Order No. 36 attached.	No. 19 No. 20

D. D. A. L. Latham, S.C.  
Made in Victoria 1918 for 5th Bn P.M.A. (Crest)

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	23		At 2 a.m. Battalion moved into Assembly Position on tape to attack GREEN WINE. "B" Coy. (Capt. F. HENRIE) on right. "C" Coy. (Capt. ANGUS) on left. "A" Coy. (Capt. O'NEILL) Support Right. "D" Coy. (Capt. F. HENRIE) Support Left. The Battalion was in support. 5th Battalion was in support with 4th Bn. in support. 1st A.I. Bde were on the left. Operation Order No. 37 & Battle Instructions No. 1 attached. Attack commenced at 4.45 a.m. and Bn moved forward under cover of artillery barrage. Striking tank was in the advance on the Battalion Section. On reaching ST. MARTIN WOOD the 3 Support Companies were pushed forward into the front line to assist in the mopping up and clearing of the wood. Bn reached final objective on schedule time. Maps showing our line before & after attack attached. Approximate number of prisoners accounted for by the Battalion 450.	No. 21 No. 22 No. 23
	24		Original messages received from Companies on reaching final objective attached. Fighting strength of Battalion on going into attack: 25 Officers & 503 O.R. Casualties were: Capt. H. HENRIE NO Killed in Action. Capt. R.L. O'NEILL Died of Wounds. 21 O.R. Killed in Action. 2nd Lt. J.B. FORTUNE Wounded. Lt. D. ROBERTSON Wounded (Gas). Lt. A.M. GIBBS Wounded (Gas). Lt. D.B. HARRIS Missing. 76 O.R. Wounded, 5 O.R. Missing (Gas) and 6 O.R. Missing. Report on Operations carried out by Bn. by Lt-Col D.A. HUTTON G.D. attached.	No. 24
	25		List of Honours and Awards attached. Lts. W.T. HENRIE & H.E. FORTSON to Aust. Corps Infantry School. Lt. BOOTH Wounded and remained on duty. Fighting strength of Bn 25 Officers & 503 O.R.	

Battalion in front line. Casualties were 4 O.R. Wounded and 4 O.R. Wounded (Gas). Lt. O. CARRON evacuated to Hospital.

7th Bn. relieved 5th Bn in front line. Operation Order No. 38. Battalion subjected to Gas Shell (Mustard) Bombardment. Casualties were 2 O.R. Killed, Lt. O.L. HARRIS & 13 O.R. Wounded. Capt. W.K. WOOD & 24 O.R. Wounded (Gas). Capt. WOOD relieved by Capt. O.J. HARRIS.

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MILITARY FORCES.

**AN IMPERIAL FORCE.****Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.**No. 2074Name GEORGE Gordon GilbertUnit 7th Reinforcements 5th BattalionJoined on 28 May 1915**Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.**

1. What is your Name? ... 1. George Gordon Gilbert
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... 2. In the Parish of Birmingham in or near the Town of Birmingham in the County of England
3. Are you a natural born British Subject of a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... 3. Nat Born Brit Sub
4. What is your age? 19 years ... 4. 19 years
5. What is your trade or calling? Labourer ... 5. Labourer
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... 6. no
7. Are you married? ... 7. no
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... 8. John William Gordon Gilbert  
167 Kenelm Road  
Small Heath Birmingham England
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 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? ... 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. yes
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 to you after embarkation during your term of service? ... 14. yes
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... 15. yes

I, George Gordon Gilbert, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife,\*† wife and children.

Date 27/4/1915George Gordon Gilbert  
Signature of person enlisted.



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5 BATTALION 2716  
Army Form B. 103.

**Casualty Form - Active Service.**

Regimental No. 2374 Regiment or Corps 5th Battalion 7th Reinforcements  
 Enlisted (a) 28/4/15 Rank Private Name Gilbert G.G. Service regions from (a) D 50446  
 Date of promotion to present rank } Date of appointment to lance rank } Numerical position on roll of N.C.O.s }  
 Extended Re-engaged Qualification (b)

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
1 19. 10. 15.	H.T. Borda	Embarked for Overseas	Alexandria	12. 10. 15	P 832.
2 3. 11. 15	de Sbln	Taken on Strength	Lemnos	3/11/15	B 213 12-11 17.4/10.303
3	do	Baggage Guard, Left	Angae	11/12/15	B 213 A.P. 2106
4 7.1.16	H.M.T. Emps. of Britain	Disembarked at	Alexandria	7.1.16	D 5480. Ex Lemnos.
5 30/3/16.	O.C. Troops BRITON.	Embarked to join E.F.F. Disembarked	Alexandria Marseilles	25/3/16. 30/3/16.	AP6455 LE5158
6 29/10/17	CO 5th Bn	Still With Unit		22/10/17	A 13/52
7 17/18	"	Returned from furlough	Suez	10.1.18	A 13/52
8 11. 8. 18	"	With Unit	"	11. 8. 18	55/1109/21
9 2nd 8. 18	1. member	He Killed in Action		22. 8. 18	AT24525 8044/4389 (1918) VL 817

AUSTRALIAN SECTION 3rd ECHELON G.H.Q.  
 BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.  
 (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.

CAPTAIN.  
 for Officer i/c Records. *H.H.H.*  
 P.T.O.

George Gordon Gilbert  
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Melbourne  
 the State of Victoria  
 this twenty eighth day of April 1918, before me

Blair Dalm  
 Signature of Attesting Officer.  
 HON. LIEUT.  
 A. & I. STAFF.

\*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.





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Army Form B, 103-II,  
Part II.

## (SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).

Regiment or Corps 5th Battn. 7th Rein. Regimental Number 2374\*Substantive Rank Pte. Surname GILBERT Christian Names C.C.

\*Acting Rank

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

Nothing to be written in this margin.

W1889-PP150 500,000 5/18 G.W.P.Co.(3499)

(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.					
1. 18/10/15	H.T. Borda.		Emb. for O/S.	Alex.	18/10/15	
2. 3/11/15	OC 5th Bn.		T O S	Lemnos	3/11/15	Pt.174/10302
3. 18/12/15	"		Baggage Guard left	Anzac	11/12/15	
			Returned to duty.	Lemnos.	15/12/15	
4. 7/1/16	H.M.T. Empress of Britain.		Disemb. at	Alex.	7/1/16	
5. 30/3/16	OC Troops Brit.		Embarked to join B:ETP.	Alex.	25/3/16	
6. 29/12/17	CO 5th Bn.		Disemb.	Mars.	30/3/16	
7. 12/1/18	"		To U.K. on Furlough	Field	22/12/17	
11.8.18	"		Rjd. from furlough.	"	10/1/18	
8. 24.8.18	"		With unit.	"	11/8/18	
			Killed in action.	"	22/8/18	DO46/4389
			<i>Still with unit</i>		6/1/77	

AUSTRALIAN SECTION 3rd ECHELON, G.H.Q.  
B.E.F.(sd) D. Crooks. Capt.  
for Officer i/c Red s.*Buried Lewis, Gailly  
New French Cemetery  
5 miles E of Corbie**B2803B3584**D.G.R.B.L.S. 2196**George Gordon Gilbert*  
Signature of Person Enlisted.Taken and subscribed at *Melbourne* inthe State of *Victoria*this *twenty eighth* day of*April* 19*18*, before me*Bar Jahn*HON. LIEUT.  
A. & I. STAFF.

Signature of Attesting Officer.

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Description of GILBERT George Gordon on Enlistment.

Age 19 years 6 months.  
 Height 5 feet 7½ inches.  
 Weight 92½ lbs.  
 Chest Measurement 33 inches.  
 Complexion 35 Fair  
 Eyes Blue  
 Hair Brown  
 Religious Denomination h.o.c.

## DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

Nae 1 L arm  
 Mole L hip.  
 Scar L chest.  
 Scar on forehead.

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> April 1915

Place Melbourne

[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 7<sup>th</sup> Reupk & Ball

Date 28. 5. 15

Place Broadmeadows

[Signature]  
 Commanding 5 Bn H 7 Reup



B103/George 14/15 Star  
27-12-14

Statement of Service of No. 2374 Name George George Gaudet

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From	To	
Depôt 16 boy. 5 Batt 7 Reimp <b>TAKEN ON STRENGTH FROM</b> 27/11/15 P211 6/18/15 10203	embarked from Australia	28.7.15	16.7.15 28.5.15	Ref Card
	On leave from France	28.12.14 to	6.1.18	6.1.18.
	Sub. 6 R.E.F. intermediate inf	2.11.15 - 23.12.17.	2/1/18	CR 2089/3/24.
	For further information see enclosed copy of B103. 16-1-18 CR 2089/3/25.			
	Pl Offshoot Sea 30/7/15	30/7		6R 4252/9/44
	AWL from evening parade.			F.R. List
	Head 57 by 60 troops (Dunrother)	2/8/15		A4
	<b>KILLED IN ACTION</b>	France 22.8.18		6281 2803
	Buried Berisy Gailly New			B3554. 2.9.18
	French Cemetery, 5 miles E. of Corbie			2803 B3584
	5 photos to N. of k file	10289/4/1	18.8.19	2803 B3584
	Copy sent to pensions	23.9.18.		2803 B3584
	readvised of all promotions.			2803 B3584
	that come through			2803 B3584
	orders.			2803 B3584

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SEE COPY A.F. B103 ENCLOSED

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



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## CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

The foregoing questions were read to the person enlisted in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to by him.

*CD* 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 *28 April 1915*

*Bladall*  
Signature of Attesting Officer.

HON. LIEUT.

A. & I. STAFF.

## OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.\*

3, *George Gordon Gilbert* swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from *28 April 1915* until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

So HELP ME, GOD.

*George Gordon Gilbert*  
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at *Melbourne*  
the State of *Victoria*  
this *twenty eight* day \_\_\_\_\_ of

*April* 1915, before me—

*Bladall*  
Signature of Attesting Officer.

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 Mole 2 Neck  
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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 27th April 1915

Place Melbourne

J. McQuahoe Captain  
 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 7th Regiment 5th Battalion

Date 28.5.15

Place Broadmeadows

W. S. Smith  
 Commanding 5th Battalion 7th Regiment.







Office of the Curator of Estates of Deceased Persons,

NEW ZEALAND CHAMBERS,  
483 COLLINS STREET.

Melbourne, 16th April, 1920

Any person may, by his Will, or by  
Codicil thereto, appoint the  
Curator as Executor, and in such  
case the Curator shall be bound to  
apply for a rule to administer the  
Estate in accordance with such  
Will.  
If a private Executor desires not  
to act as such, the Curator may  
apply for a rule to administer the  
Estate in his stead. (Sections 67  
and 68, Act 2611.)

EH

Please mention estate  
when replying.

Dear Sir,

re No. 2374. G.G. GILBERT, 5th Bn. deceased

I have been moved to administer the estate of the  
abovenamed deceased soldier and I shall be obliged if you  
will inform me of his last place of residence as set out  
in your records. If he left an allotment please  
furnish me with the name and address of the allottee.

Yours faithfully,

*Walter B. Housie*

Curator.

DECEASED  
SECTION  
APR 20 1920  
RECEIVED

*Address prior to  
allotment please?  
Mil. 11/10/19  
20/4*

The Officer i/c Base Records,

Victoria Barracks,

MELBOURNE.





Army Form B. 103.

7th Reinforcements.

Regimental Number 2374.

**Casualty Form - Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps 5th BATTALION INFANTRY A.I.F. D 50496  
 Rank Private Surname GILBERT Christian Name G. G.  
 Religion ..... Age on Enlistment ..... years ..... months  
 Enlisted (a) 28.4.15 ..... Terms of Service (a) ..... 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		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			
		2 Pages. Embarked ...		
		Disembarked ...		
		D0174/10303 (1915) 5th Battn.		
		D046/4389 (1918) 5th Battn.		
ORIGINAL	A.F.B. 103 FORWARDED TO ADM HQRS on / /1918.			
	AUSTRALIAN SECTION 3rd ECHELON G.H.Q.			CAPTAIN.
	BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.			for Officer i/c Records.

(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, Shoring Smith, &amp; Co.

W. 1623-312733 205000 9/17 (85611) C. P. &amp; S., Ltd., Form B.103 E/1907. P.T.O.

A.A./L.3.5/2176

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Cpl.J.C.GOGGIN.) Cemetery, 5 miles East of Corbie.  
(e) Reninghelst New Military Cemetery, 3  
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Reported by GRAVES REGISTRATION UNIT.

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L.57/47

1/Bty. 3/Army  
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(e)

REPORT "MC" Flight H. 17.9.18.  
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Army Form B, 103-11.  
Part II.

(SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).

Regiment or Corps 5th Battn. 7th Rein. Regimental Number 2374

\*Substantive Rank Pte. Surname GILBERT Christian Names G.G.

\*Acting Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
(\* To be entered in pencil to facilitate alteration.)

Nothing to be written in this margin.

W/889—PP1159 500,000 5/15 G.W.P.Co. (449)

To be folded on this line.

(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.					
1. 18/10/15	H.T.Borda.		Emb. for O/S.	Alex.	18/10/15	
2. 3/11/15	OC 5th Bn.		T O S	Lemnos	3/11/15	Pt.174/10308
3. 18/12/15	"		Baggage Guard left	Anzac	11/12/15	
			Returned to duty.	Lemnos.	15/12/15	
4. 7/1/16	H.M.T.Empress of Britain.		Disemb. at	Alex.	7/1/16	
5. 30/3/16	OC Troops Brit.		Embarked to join B2E?F.	Alex.	25/3/16	
6. 29/12/17	CO 5th Bn.		Disemb.	Mars.	30/3/16	
7. 12/1/18	"		To U.K. on Furlough	Field	22/12/17	
11.8.18	"		Rjd. from furlough.	"	10/1/18	
8. 24.8.18	"		With unit.	"	11/8/18	
			Killed in action.	"	22/8/18	D046/4389
			<i>Still with unit</i>		6/1/17	

AUSTRALIAN SECTION 3rd ECHELON, G.H.Q.  
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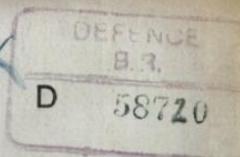
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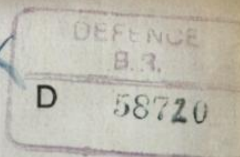
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