

James Berrell

James Berrell was born 1878 in Tuena, NSW . He joined the AIF as a 39 year old private and served in the 18th Battalion from the 27 Aug 1917-12 Dec 1918

He embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board HMAT A38 Ulysses on 19 December 1917 for England where he was part of the 5th Training Battalion formed in Rollestone, England on the 8 August 1916. This training group moved to Codford on the 18 April 1917 and Fovant on the 11th October 1917.

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. These were located in the Salisbury Plains area. On the 6th May 1918 James joined the 18th Battalion and was sent to France and the Western Front arriving at Etaples on the 15th May 1918

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. 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.

James Berrell was engaged with the 18th Battalion and was wounded in battle on the 11th August 1918. The 18th Battalion at this time was involved in action around Villers Brettoneux

Admitted to hospital , he was subsequently transferred to hospital in England on the 14th August 1918 with severe wounds to his right arm. From here he never returned to the war only taking part in brief training before being absent without leave for a few days in Weymouth and docked 4 days pay.

He finally returned to Australia on the 31st December 1918 and was discharged from service on the 11th May 1919 to pursue his civilian life .

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MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No.

7029

Name

BERRELL James

Unit

21st Bn 18th Battalion

Joined on

27/8/17

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

(Sgdn.)

1. What is your Name?
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born?
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown)
4. What is your age?
5. What is your trade or calling?
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period?
7. Are you married?

1. James Berrell
2. In the Parish of ... in or near the Town of Bunda in the County of ...
3. Yes Natural born NSW
4. 39 2/12 years
5. Fuelman, Railways
6. No
7. Yes

8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) (The answer to this question shall not be constructed as in the nature of a will.)
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power?
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?
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.
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service?
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds?
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?
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small-pox and enteric fever?

8. (Wife) Mrs Berrell
Holt St New Town New South Wales
9. NO
10. NO
11. Artillery (Local)
12. Yes
13. NO
14. Yes
15. Yes

(Sgdn.)

I, James Berrell 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 three-fifths wife and children

Date July 27 17

James Berrell

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.

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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, 3rd September 1918.

Dear Madam,
I now beg to advise you that Pte. J. Berrell
has been reported admitted to Northampton War Hospital Duston England
15.8.18. suffering from gunshot wound right arm severe.

His postal address will be—

No 7029 Private J. Berrell,
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. Inlean Major.

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

D.1335/7.18.—G.10052.—47M.

BERRELL		James	7029	21/18th Bn
Surname		Other Names	Regimental No.	Unit.
PURPORT. 2nd M.D.		AUTHORITY.		
Emb. at Sydney N.S.W. per H.M.A.T. A38 "Ulysses" on 19/12/17.		N.R. R42719		
Pte.				
13.2.18 Mchd into 5th Trng. Btn Fovant from Aust ex A 30" (MH)		LON 19/3-18		
9/9/18 1st Aux. GSW Lt Arm.		IB.564/19-18		
11/8/18 Wounded.		(ER)	BEFO.46/3-18	
13/8/18 Adm L of C.Hosp wounded.		(ER)	BEFO.45/11-18	
14/8/18 Invld to Eng.wounded		(ER)	BEFO.46/7-18	
6/5/18. Proc O/Seas to France via F'Stone ex 5th Tng Btn.		LDN 36/2-18		
Fovant.				
12/5/18 T.O.S. of 18th Bn from 18th Bn ex 21st Rfts to 18th Bn		BEFO 29/1-18		
(IM)				
11-25/9/18 Dischd from Hosp to Fur Rep. 1st C.D. GSW R.Arm.		IB.565/16-18		
15.8.18 Adm Northamptonshire War Hosp BW Rt Arm Flesh Sev.		IB.548/31-18		
11.5.19 Disc 2nd M.D. A.I.F. ex Nestor MU. ER.		M.41/555		

D.8.11/18.—G.208

CASUALTY FORM—ACTIVE SERVICE.

Army Form B. 103.

7029

Regiment or Corps 21st Reinf. 18th Battalion.
 Regimental No. 7029 Rank Pte. Name HEPPEL, James
 Enlisted (a) 27/8/17. Terms of Service (a) Duration 2 4 Service reckons from (a) _____
 Date of Promotion to } Date of appointment } Numerical position on }
 present rank } to lance rank } roll of N.C.O.'s }
 Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (b) _____

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.
Date.	From whom Received.				
19.12.17	O.B. Troops	Embarked H.M. 4. 238. Ulysses.	Sydney N. S. W.	19.12.17	
16.1.18	O.B. Troops	Disembarked H.M. 4. 238. Ulysses.	Sydney	16.1.18.	
24.1.18	O.B. Troops	Embarked H.M. 4. Leasowe Castle	Port Said	24.1.18	
2.2.18	O.C. Troops	Disembarked H.M. 4. Leasowe Castle	Varanto	2.2.18	
2.2.18	do	Taken on strength (Dog Camp Varanto)	Varanto	2.2.18	
5.2.18	do	Embarked	Varanto	5.2.18	
12.2.18	do	Disembarked	Cherbourg	12.2.18	
12.2.18	do	Embarked H.M. 4. 238. Ulysses.	do	12.2.18	
13.2.18	do	Disembarked Southampton	Southampton	13.2.18	L1549. 18/2/18

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into section D. Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
 (b) e.g., Signaller, Shoeing Smith, &c., &c., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

[P.T.O.]

Transferred to
WAR GRATUITY SCHEDULE
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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No. 7029
Rank Private Name BERRELL J.
Unit 18th Battalion

LIST. 431 Casualty WOUNDED
Lt W right arm
Convalescent
Invalid SH
Returned to Australia Per "Nelson" despatched 12/12/18
Disembarked 3rd Nov 1919 Proc to Birmeadows awaiting
Transport to 2nd AIF Bd R Lines
1919

DATE	Form 10 received	PURPORT.
AUG 29 1918	N. O. K. Advised Wounded	
SEP 14 1918	N. O. K. Advised Convalescent	
JAN 1 1919	N. O. K. Advised return	Form 7 and Care
11.5.19	Discharged 2 M.D.	

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