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In 1914 war was declared against Germany and troops were sent out overseas to help the Allied Forces fight.

Albert Tutt was brought into this world on the 15th of May 1893. His parents, George and Ann Tutt were married in the Saint Michael Church of England at Mitcham in 1878, they had seven children. Albert was the youngest out of the 7 children and he had 4 sisters and 2 brothers. The family resided in Arnold Street, Mitcham and Albert's father, George Tutt, worked as a gardener in the Mitcham area. Albert attended the local school on Bull's Creek Road somewhere between 1898 –1910. Records show that as a young adult Albert worked as a Surveyor for the South Australian Government.

On the 30th of December 1915 aged 22, Albert Tutt enlisted for the AIF (Australian Infantry Forces) at the Adelaide registering office. He was enlisted into the fourth Reinforcements, thirty second Battalion, eighth Brigade and his identification number was 2477A. After a few weeks of training he left Adelaide on the 9th of March 1916, on the ship *RMS Mongolia* which was headed for Egypt. Here Albert spent more weeks training and was then supposed to have travelled to France with the rest of the thirty second Battalion but, on the 19th of April Albert was transferred to the forty eighth Battalion. The reasons for the transfer are unclear, but Albert eventually got his first taste of action at the *Battle of Bullecourt*.

Life in the trenches was very hard for all soldiers. They were at risk from suffering many ailments such as Trench Foot (when started to rot because of dampness in the shoe) , Diarrhoea, Typhoid, Mumps, Influenza, Tetanus, Hypothermia, Mustard Gas Burns, Stomach Bugs, Trench Mouth (Gingivitis), Dysentery and Shell Shock (when soldiers began to lose sleep and became mentally unstable). The trenches were also infested with flies, fleas and rats. Due to the dirt and unsanitary conditions the trenches would smell all year round. As it was often unsafe to remove them, corpses were left lying in the

mud or snow for all to see. Many soldiers died because of the infections, infestations and cold weather which brought on hypothermia. It was far worse for those soldiers who were out on the front for longer periods of time than others, but all soldiers suffered much the same. However, Albert Tutt was only fighting in the trenches for a short period of time, and therefore he was not as exposed to the moments of high stress when fighting and then the long segments of hanging around trenches like the rest of his comrades were. As trench life was a new experience for Albert he would have had to learn new concepts to the way of living life on the Front and also what to do if he was told to, go “over the top” and into “No Man’s Land” (climb over the top of the trench and run across the land that was between the German trenches).

The *Battle of Bullecourt* started on the 11th of April 1917 it involved both the forty eighth and the forty sixth Battalions. These men were told by their Commanders to cross “No Man’s Land” and enter the first row of German trenches called OG1, this having been successful they advanced to the second trench called OG2, but disaster struck, the Germans were able to advance and push the Australian forces out causing them to retreat. Many soldiers were wounded and left behind, others had already died and some were captured by the Germans. Albert Tutt was to be captured by the Germans and became a prisoner of war (POW). Unfortunately Albert died the very same day, 11 April 1917. The German soldiers buried his body, but the grave site cannot be found. He has a memorial at the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial site.

Albert Tutt showed the ANZAC spirit in many ways. When World War 1 came England and her Allies started conscripting men into the army. Australia’s force however was not made up of conscripted people, the entire AIF was full of volunteers and because Albert put his name down he showed bravery and courage. Tutt also showed compassion and respect toward his mates and comrades when fighting on the front; he would have bonded deeply with these other men and felt a terrible loss when they passed away. Commitment, Courage and Mateship are the three qualities that the AIF believe in and is what they stand for; Courage meaning that you do not desert your friends and

keep fighting, Commitment meaning that you never back down even if you are scared to death and Mateship meaning that you always stick with your comrades and help them out in times of need.

Albert Tutt is remembered at Mitcham Schools in there memorial walk that includes all the men that fought in world war 1 that went to the school, Alberts brother, Henry Dawson Tutt - who fought at Gallipoli is also remembered at the Mitcham Schools memorial site. Albert is also remembered on the Roll of Honour memorial on the one hundred and forty seventh panel and at the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial site in France.

By Eilidh Greenshields

Apendix 1

**Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
1DRL/0428**

**2477A Private
Albert Tutt**

48th Battalion



2800510G

Land		Engl. Toten-		listen Nr. 13502		/ v.	
Abschrift Name		T u t t, A.					
Dienstgrad		?	Nr. der Erk.Merk.		2477.		
Truppenteil		48. Bat. A.I.F.					
Zeit u. Ort der Gefangennahme		gefallen u. beerdigt 100 m.					
Aufenthaltort		westl. Biencourt. Erk.Merk. überwiesen v.d. 27. Inf. Div. (2.K.W.) 3.5.17.					
Bemerkungen Verwundung Heimatsort							

A.I.F. 48th Battn.

TUTT
A. 2477

Translation of German Death Register received from Mr. Wilson and
passed on to A.I.F. Headquarters Nov. 1, 1919

Central Information Bureau.

Berlin, J.G. 7. 16.10.19
Dorotheen Str 43.

It is hereby certified that there is here produced a death card
of the Ref. III according to which the Australian Prisoner of War

Tutt, A. Identity disc 2477

of the 48th Battn., A.I.F.,
died

and was buried 100 M. West of Blancourt.

Identity disc received from the 27th Inf. Div. (2 K.W.) 3.5.17

List at Ref. III No 13502.W.

J. A.
(Signed) 27 1022

Seal of Trans. War Office,
Central Information Bureau.

London
6.11.19

A. I. P. 48.

TOTT, A. 2477.

N. APRIL 17th, 1917.

I saw his name as P/W in the Anzac Bulletin a good while ago.

P.M.R.

Reference:- L/Cpl. R.V. Lee. 2192. B.VII.
L.S. School.

Not sent on

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Etaples
11.9.17.

48th Batt.
A.I.F.

Tutt,
Albert 2477.

Missing 11.4.17

Reported killed in Action - Buried West of Reincourt.

Cert. by information from German death List dated 12.6.17

London
18.7.17

A.

Apendix 2

AUSTRALIAN



MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD

No. 2477 Name TUTT Albert
 Unit 7th Coy. 2nd Depot Battalion 3rd Reinf., 32nd Inf. Battalion,
32 th. Btn 30 DEC 1915 A. I. F.

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... 1. Albert Tutt
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... 2. In the Parish of _____ in or near the Town of Mitcham in the County of South Australia
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. 22 yrs
5. What is your trade or calling? ... 5. Government Steward
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... 6. No
7. Are you married? Yes Mr. G. Tutt ... 7. No
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... 8. (Mother) Mrs Annie Dawson Tutt
Arnold Street, Mitcham
South 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 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. 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. Yes Teeth
14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—
Do you understand that on Separation Allowance will be issued to you after embarkation during your term of service? ... 14. _____
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? ... 15. Yes

Albert Tutt 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 30 DEC 1915

Albert Tutt
Signature of Person Enlisted.

* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 15 years of age.
 † Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

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

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

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

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

Date

30 DEC 1915

A. J. Corpe
Signature of Attesting Officer.

LIEUT.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

I, *Albert Tull* swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 30 DEC 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.

A Tull

Signature of Person Enlisted.

ADELAIDE,

Taken and subscribed at inthe State of SOUTH AUSTRALIA

this _____ day _____ of

30 DEC 1915

19 _____, before me—

A. J. Corpe
Signature of Attesting Officer.

LIEUT.

* 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 Albert Lutt on Enlistment

Age 22 years 5 months
 Height 5 feet 7 inches
 Weight 140 lbs.
 Chest Measurement 34-36 inches
 Complexion Fresh
 Eyes Blue
 Hair LBrown
 Religious Denomination Ch of Eng

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

Vis R⁶ L⁶
Nose 2R
left fore finger, amputated

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 DEC 8 0 1915

Place ADELAIDE.

FW Waters CAPTAIN.
Henry Halloran 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 A COY. 2ND DEPOT BATTALION

Date 13 JAN 1916

Place EXHIBITION A.I.F. CAMP.

McHancock
 LT. COL.
 C.O. 2ND DEPOT BATTALION A.I.F.
 Commanding

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2477^A
292

Name *Lu H A*

Statement of Service No.

Name

Unit in which served	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of Service in each Rank		Remarks
		From	To	
<i>A COY. 2ND DEPOT BATTALION</i>	<i>private</i>	<i>4-1-16</i>	<i>15-1-16</i>	
<i>7/32 Inf</i>		<i>16 JAN 1916</i>		<i>CO. 21, 2</i>
<i>4/32 no</i>		<i>16/2/16</i>	<i>18/4/16</i>	<i>CO. 49/2</i>
<i>48th Batta</i>		<i>19/4/16</i>		<i>Transfer</i> <i>EEFO. 25. 10/16</i> <i>B. R. 8. 6/2/19</i> <i>also AM 2 6/1/12</i> <i>Letter A received 6/11</i> <i>BR 8/1/12</i>

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

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY.

J. D. Dimes

Capo
DAMP COMMISSARY

Appendix 3



PRIVATE

ALBERT TUTT

2477 48th BATTALION AIF

KILLED IN ACTION BULLECOURT FRANCE

11th APRIL 1917 AGED 22

MITCHAM PUBLIC SCHOOL 1903

LEST WE FORGET

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