

Private 2466 Arthur Thomas Walker

An ANZAC with Spirit

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This essay could not have been written without the contribution of John and Anzac Lochowiak, direct descendants of Arthur Thomas Walker.

Arthur Thomas Walker was the oldest Ngarrindjeri¹ man to enlist in the Australian Imperial Forces and fight at Gallipoli.² He was born in the northern South Australian town of Wallaroo to Reuben and Charlotte Walker in 1883. Reuben was a Ngarrindjeri man known for his intellect and generosity.³ Charlotte grew up in Western Australia and was taken to South Australia by European authorities. Like many of the stolen generation her family history is lost.⁴ Arthur had a sister, Evelyn, and brother, George. At enlistment Arthur was working as a labourer⁵ in the southern seaside town of Goolwa⁶ with his wife, Mabel, and their children. Goolwa is part of the spiritual home of the Ngarrindjeri people known as "Raukkan". Twenty-one Ngarrindjeri men enlisted for the Great War. Four of them never returned.⁷ Arthur was one of those unlucky men.

The ANZACs nearly missed the Gallipoli campaign! They were stationed in Egypt and training for battle on the Western Front. A British and French naval push on 18th March 1915 was expected to easily capture the Dardanelles strait and the Turkish capital, Constantinople; a victory which would have secured their supply route to their ally, Russia. However, the campaign failed largely due to bad weather and inadequate ships, so a plan was hatched to capture the Dardanelles by land.

The ANZACs were re-deployed to Gallipoli in a multi-national army.⁸ Landings began before dawn on 25th April 1915 at various points on the Gallipoli Peninsula. The ANZACs arrived at a small beach near Gaba Tepe that later became known as Anzac Cove⁹. The enemy guessed that a land invasion was coming and prepared defences such as trenches and gun emplacements on the high ground. At a terrible disadvantage, approximately 650 Australians died during the landing.¹⁰

¹ The Ngarrindjeri nation are said to be comprised of six clans or "lakinyeri". Arthur and his father were Ramindjeri men. The Ramindjeri are a western clan of the Ngarrindjeri people. Their territory includes Encounter Bay, Victor Harbor and Port Elliot.

² At enlistment Arthur was aged 32. (Connecting Spirits, 2006)

³ Reuben Walker was a friend of inventor, David Uniapon, and it is thought he may have influenced some of Uniapon's work. (Lochowiak & Lochowiak, 2014)

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Refer Appendix I – "Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad". Original documents from Defence Service records National Archives of Australia.

⁶ Refer Appendix II "Soldiers Pay Book". Original documents from Defence Service Records, National Archives of Australia.

⁷ (Connecting Spirits, 2006)

⁸ A large number of nationalities fought for the Allies at Gallipoli including British, French, Australians, New Zealanders, Indians, Ceylonese, Greeks, Arabs, Egyptians and Newfoundlanders (Canada). The Central Powers were represented by Maltese Turks, Germans and Austro-Hungarians.

⁹ Refer Appendix III – Map of the Gallipoli Landings 25th April 1915.

¹⁰ (Australian War Memorial, 2014)

An Australian submarine made it through the straits on the night of the landing and this news buoyed the embattled ANZACs. They made some advances in May but the Turks launched a devastating counter-offensive. It resulted in a truce where each side buried their dead in no man's land. The Allies attacked again in August including a new British landing at Suvla Bay but, with both sides failing to advance, the conflict stalled.

It was at this point that Arthur arrived in Gallipoli. He enlisted on 29th March 1915 and sailed on the HMAS A61 *Kanowna* on 24th June.¹¹ He was a Private in the 10th Battalion and landed at Gallipoli on 18th September.

Arthur arrived at Gallipoli just as the Allies were giving up any hope of victory. On 25th September three Allied divisions were pulled out to fight in Greece. Yet, the enemy was strengthening thanks to the entry of Bulgaria on their side, opening up a supply route from Germany to Gallipoli. Conditions in the trenches had gone from sweltering and diseased to frostbitten and flooded. Arthur experienced all of this as he was there until the evacuation.¹² Whilst in Gallipoli he was admitted to hospital twice, once in Gallipoli and once in Moudros on the island of Lemnos, due to abdominal pain and colic.¹³

There is no surviving diary or letters from Arthur's time at Gallipoli but Aboriginal men who fought alongside Arthur reported back to family that, in their opinion, he deserved a Victoria Cross. They said Arthur regularly crept into no man's land at night to retrieve the wounded. He was reprimanded by his superiors but remained undeterred.¹⁴

Troops were gradually and stealthily evacuated from Gallipoli from December 1915. After eight months and approximately 11,450 ANZAC deaths¹⁵ the Campaign was a military failure but, in the words of war correspondent Ashmead Bartlett the ANZACs "...knew they had been tried for the first time, and had not been found wanting."¹⁶

¹¹ Refer to Appendix IV – "Application for war leave payment in respect of deceased soldier". Original document from Defence Service Records, National Archives of Australia.

¹² Arthur was evacuated and arrived in Alexandria, Egypt, on the "Seang Bee" on 29th December 1915. Refer to Appendix V – "Casualty form – Active Service". Original document from Defence Service Records, National Archives of Australia.

¹³ Ibid.

¹⁴ (Lochowiak & Lochowiak, 2014) op. cit.

¹⁵ (The Gallipoli Campaign, 2014)

¹⁶ (Australian Government Department of Veterans' Affairs, 2010)

After the evacuation, Arthur spent the first 5 months of 1916 training in Egypt.¹⁷ He was moved to the 50th Battalion and sent to France for the battle of Mouquet Farm, near Pozieres. Arthur went missing and, although his body was never found, was declared dead on 16th August.

The ANZACs successfully showed the world that their newly federated nation was *different but equal* to any other. The English Poet John Masefield said "...the English suddenly became aware of a new kind of man... they had been "difficult" in Egypt,... They did not always salute; they did not see the use of it;... But in battle they were superb... No such body of free men has given so heroically since our history began."¹⁸

The ANZAC spirit was a unique code of honour embodying mateship, courage, ingenuity, irreverence and humour. Yet, most impressive was its sense of equality or inclusiveness. In Australia Aboriginals were not counted citizens but family reports that Arthur was treated as an equal by the white ANZACs.¹⁹

Critics say the ANZAC spirit was a white male dominated ethos and this was true in as much as it reflected society at the time. For example, returned nurses received no financial recognition²⁰ and Aboriginal returnees were excluded from RSLs²¹, Soldier Settlement Schemes and other benefits.²²

However, the ANZAC spirit of inclusiveness slowly invited more into its fold. A white returned private from the 15th Battalion defended the inclusion of Aboriginal children in schools, arguing; "I have stood shoulder to shoulder with half castes in Hell's pit [Hell's Spit], on Quinn's Post, and seen them die like the grandest of white men."²³

Arthur embodied the ANZAC spirit in every way. He displayed courage when he rescued the wounded from no man's land and irreverence when he was absent without leave in

¹⁷ When Arthur's belongings were sent home to his mother after his death they included a pack of postcards purchased in Egypt but never sent. The images were of people with dark faces which the family believes he may have identified with. (Lochowiak & Lochowiak, 2014) op. cit.

¹⁸ (The ANZAC Legend, 2014)

¹⁹ (Lochowiak & Lochowiak, 2014) op. cit.

²⁰ Nurses such as Nellie Pike displayed the Anzac spirit when she said, "We were all glad to be taking part in the great adventure. They were grim and tragic, but somehow inspiring days." (Australian Government Department of Veterans' Affairs, 2010)

²¹ The RSL has had various names. It was named the Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League of Australia in 1916. In 1940 it became the Returned Sailors', Soldiers' and Airmen's Imperial League of Australia. In 1965 it was renamed Returned Services League of Australia. Finally in 1990 it became the Returned and Services League of Australia.

²² (Korff, 2014)

²³ (Scarlet, 2013). For original document refer Appendix VI – *Cairns Post* 28th January 1933

Egypt for 24 hours on 4th April 1916 and was docked a day's pay.²⁴ It is believed he had been "blowing off a little too much steam with mates".²⁵

The Defence Act 1903 prohibited Aboriginals from enlisting but Arthur's disdain for rules and passion for the war effort drove him to give false information. A white mate referred him to a sympathetic medical examiner²⁶ who registered Arthur as a man of "dark complexion" and, knowing enlisters favoured young unmarried volunteers, Arthur also lied about his marital status and enlisted himself as "single".²⁷

Aboriginal men circumvented the Act for many reasons; not least to gain a steady income equal to white Australians. However, it appears that joining up meant *much* more to Arthur and Mabel. Two months before departure a son was born to them on 25th April 1915 and they named him Anzac. They could not have known of the Gallipoli landing and the legend of the ANZACs. It appears simply *belonging* to this corps meant a great deal to the couple.

Arthur's service had a profound impact on the family he left behind and the generations that followed.²⁸ Since Mabel did not officially exist at the War Office, Arthur arranged for 2 shillings per day of his wages to be sent to his brother, George.²⁹ Similarly, Arthur's will nominated his mother, Charlotte, as beneficiary.³⁰ Presumably, the wages and death payment³¹ were forwarded to Mabel but Arthur's medals went missing amongst family members. George's application for a war pension after Arthur's death was denied.³² Therefore, Mabel also missed out on the pension she deserved.

In Aboriginal tradition a person should be buried where they are born. So, the fact that Arthur's body was never found troubled his family for generations. Arthur's medals were lost for two generations and were only recently returned to his eldest great-grandson,

²⁴ Refer to Appendix V – "Casualty form – Active Service". Original document from Defence Service Records, National Archives of Australia. op. cit.

²⁵ (Lochowiak & Lochowiak, 2014) op. cit.

²⁶ Ibid.

²⁷ Refer Appendix I – "Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad". Original documents from Defence Service records National Archives of Australia. op. cit.

²⁸ Refer Appendix VII – Arthur Thomas Walker Family Tree.

²⁹ Refer Appendix VIII – "Australian Military Forces". Original document from Defence Service Records, National Archives of Australia.

³⁰ Refer Appendix IX – "Will". Original document from Defence Service Records, National Archives of Australia.

³¹ Refer Appendix IV – "Application for war leave payment in respect of deceased soldier" and Appendix X – "War leave payment – deceased soldiers". Original documents from Defence Service Records, National Archives of Australia.

³² Refer Appendix XI – "Information re war pension claimants". Original documents from Defence Service Records, National Archives of Australia.

John Lochowiak.³³ When John opened the box he felt that “Arthur’s spirit had returned home and was in the room with me.”³⁴

Arthur’s son, Anzac, enlisted for World War II in 1942³⁵ and also honoured his father’s service by naming his own son Anzac. It is incredible to note that Anzac Walker’s next son was born on 25th April! His name was John Walker and he would tease his older brother, Anzac Walker the second, that *he* was more worthy of the name!

Subsequently, Anzac (the second) named his son Anzac (the third). The second Anzac’s sister also named her son Anzac (the fourth). Arthur’s eldest great-grandson, John Lochowiak, felt compelled to name his second son Anzac (the fifth) when he was born with a single grey hair among all the dark hair on his head. John was convinced the child had an old soul. The fifth Anzac says “it’s an honour to have this name but grandma tells me I have to live up to it.” He says he too plans to name his son Anzac.³⁶

The ANZAC spirit has many constants but because of its inclusiveness it does more than survive; it grows! Today all uniformed service men and women *and* the families of those that have served can march on Anzac Day. When a person displays the traits of mateship, courage, ingenuity, irreverence, humour and equality they honour the ANZAC spirit. Arthur Thomas Walker didn’t survive the war but, like all ANZACs, he has remained a hero to his family and this nation.

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³³ Refer Appendix XII – “Medals of Arthur Thomas Walker”. Original photographs taken by Lily Habel.

³⁴ (Lochowiak & Lochowiak, 2014) op. cit.

³⁵ Refer appendix XIII – “Mobilization Attestation Form”. Original documents from Defence Service Records, National Archives of Australia.

³⁶ (Lochowiak & Lochowiak, 2014) op. cit.

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Appendix I

Arthur Thomas Walker

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad


AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD.

No. 2466 Name WALKER Arthur Thomas
 Unit Base Infantry (Theater)
 Joined on 29.3.15 **60th BATTALION**

1st Division

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... Arthur Thomas Walker
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ...
 2. In the Parish of _____ in or
 near the Town of Nassoro
 in the County of St. Aust
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown) ... No
3. _____
4. What is your age? ... 32 1/2 Years
4. _____
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Laborer
5. _____
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so where, to whom, and for what period? ... No
6. _____
7. Are you married? Yes Mrs. M. Walker
7. _____
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) (Mother) Mrs. Charlotte Walker
Poolwa
St. Aust
8. _____
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... No
9. _____
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? ... No
10. _____
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 ... No
11. _____
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... Yes
12. _____
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's service? If so, on what grounds? ... No
13. _____
14. (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? ... Yes
14. _____
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against Smallpox and Enteric Fever? ... Yes
15. _____

Arthur Thomas Walker do solemnly swear 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 with in or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.
 And I further agree to allow 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 29.3.15 A. T. Walker
 Signature of Person enlisted

* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 16 years of age.

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Description of Arthur Thomas Waelen on Enlistment

Age 32 years 6 months
Height 5 feet 5 1/4 inches
Weight 157 lbs.
Chest Measurement 35 1/2 inches
Complexion Dark
Eyes Grey
Hair Dark
Religious Denomination lo of Eng

DISTINCTIVE REMARKS.
No R & L
Face - 3 6

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 ~ 3 ~ 15
Place Koeseveldt

A. J. Howland
Signature of Examining Medical Officer

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

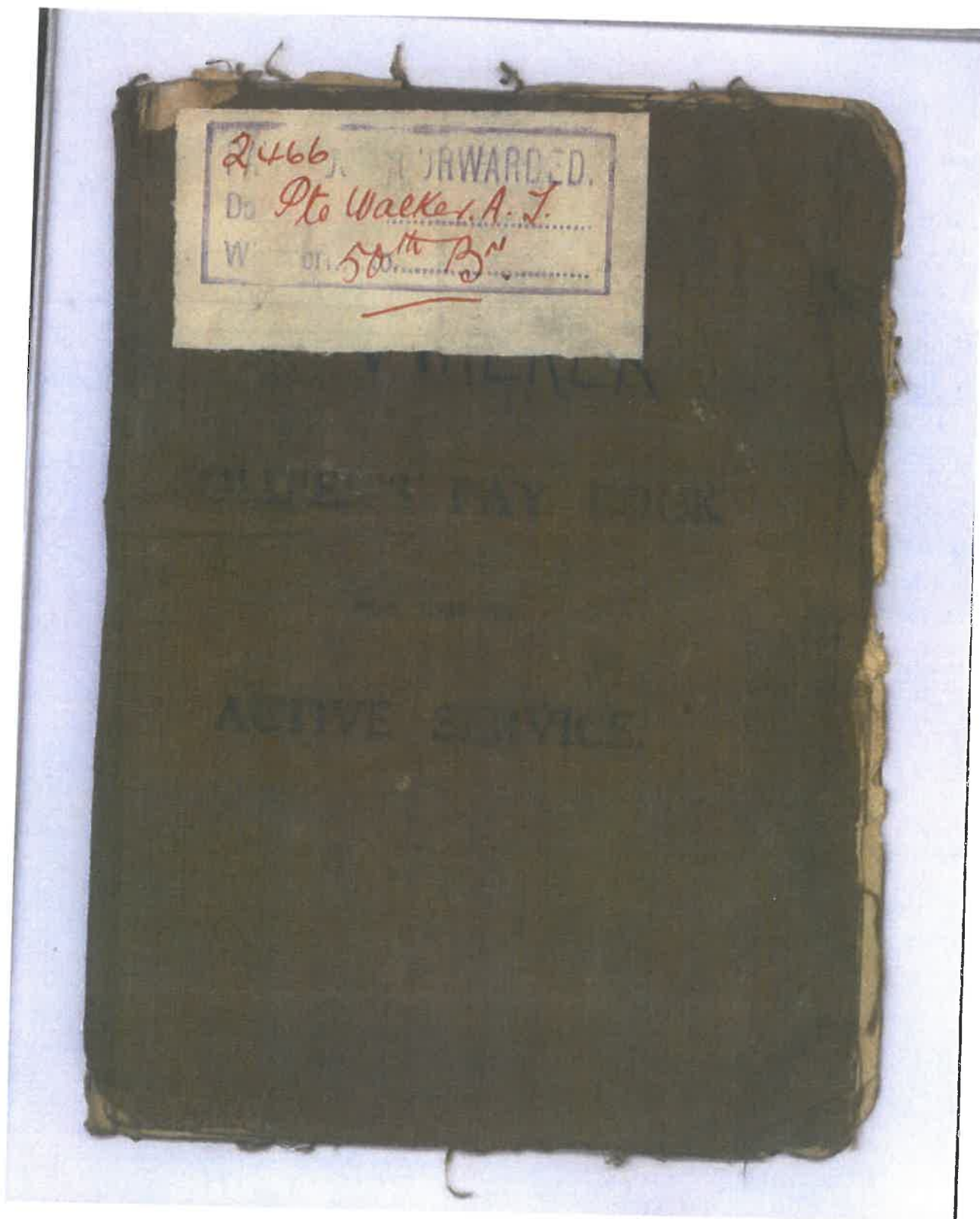
I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to Detachment 7 King 10 Inf

Date 27-3-15
Place Mitcham
Commanding Major
Compt. Commandant

Appendix II

Arthur Thomas Walker

Soldier's Pay Book



A J Halker

No 2460

7th Reinforcement

10 Infantry

South Line

Yoo-lwa

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For use in case the Rates of Pay given on p. 4
require to be amended—

(1)

The Net Rate of Pay for issue has been reduced
or raised to _____ d. (words)

from _____ 191, on account
of _____

O. C. Company, &c.

Checked _____ Accountant.

(2)

The Net Rate of Pay for issue has been reduced
or raised to _____ d. (words)

from _____ 191, on account
of _____

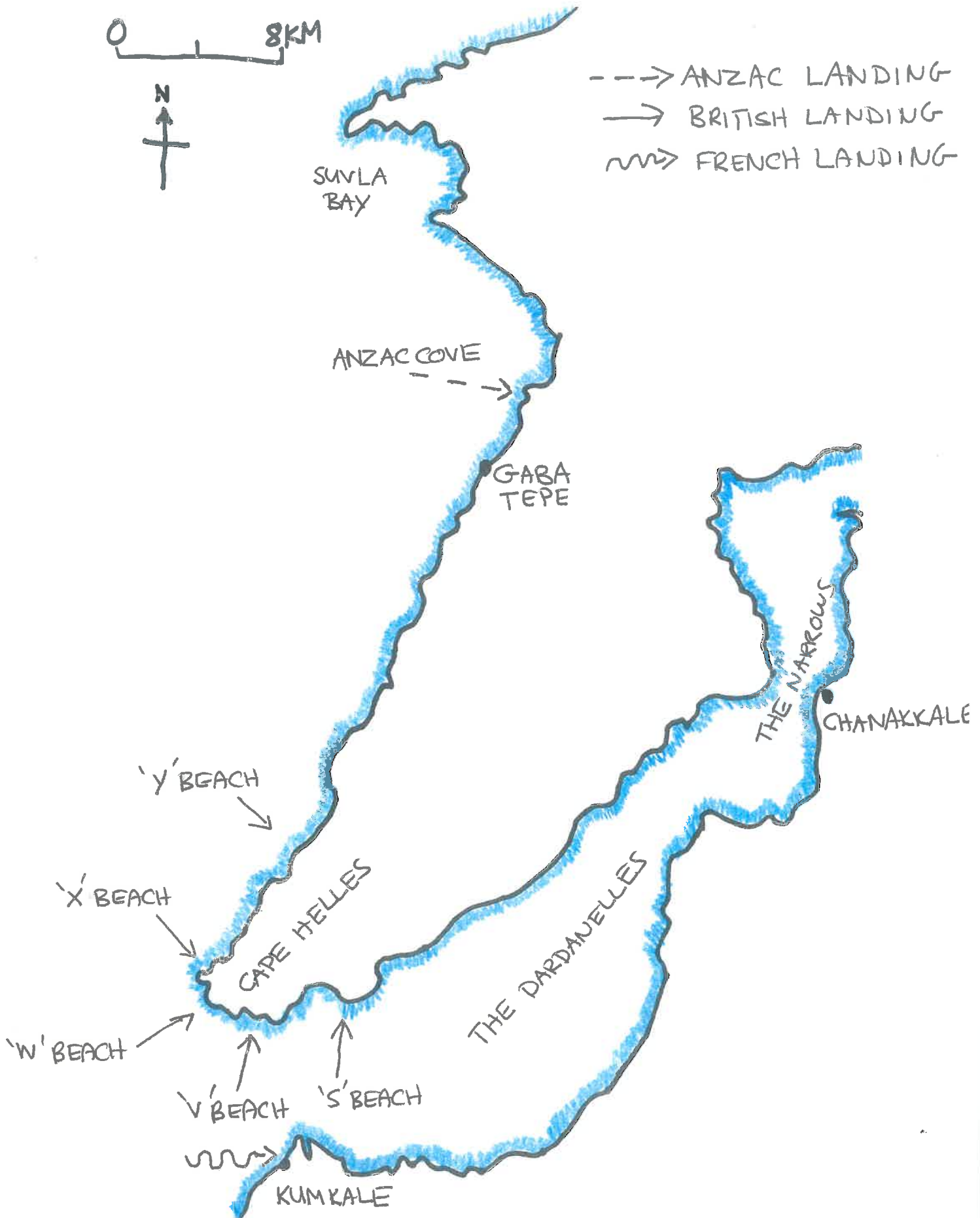
O. C. Company, &c.

Checked _____ Accountant.

* NOTE.—The above rates should be verified, whenever
opportunity offers, by the Accountant compiling the man's
account. A new book should be issued, if necessary, the
Accountant retaining the old one.

Appendix I II

Map of the Gallipoli landings 25th April 1915



Arthur Thomas Walker

Application for war leave payment in respect of deceased soldier

Claim approved

A. Dodson

8682

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D503

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

APPLICATION FOR WAR LEAVE PAYMENT IN RESPECT OF DECEASED SOLDIER.

STATUTORY DECLARATION.

(Carefully peruse this form before making the Statutory Declaration.)

PARTICULARS OF SOLDIER IN RESPECT OF WHOM APPLICATION IS MADE.

Full Name *Arthur Thomas Walker*
 (Write plainly and underline surnames.)
 Regtl. No. *7466* Rank at Date of Death *Private* Unit at Date of Death *50 Batts*
 Place of Enlistment—Town *Widelaide* Date of Death *16th August 1916*
 State *South Australia* (16.8.16)
 Date of Embarkation in Australia *24 June 1915* State whether soldier was married or single *single*

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION.

* Questions 2 and 3 need not be answered by a person who is a parent, wife, or child of the deceased soldier.

- (1) What relation were you to the deceased soldier? *Mother*
- (2) Were you wholly or partly dependant on the deceased soldier for support?
- (3) If you were partly dependant, to what extent did the late soldier contribute to your support?
- (4) Did you receive payment of Separation Allowance in respect of the deceased soldier? *no*
- (5) Are you drawing a War Pension in respect of the deceased soldier? *no*
- (6) If so state—(a) The amount of fortnightly pension payment
(b) Name of Post Office at which payment is made
- (7) Did you receive the balance of pay due to the deceased soldier's estate? *yes*

Charlote Walker

I, *Charlote Walker*
Goolwa in the State of *South Aus*
 (Insert full postal address here.)

do solemnly and sincerely declare that the above-mentioned information and replies furnished by me are true and correct. And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1911, conscientiously believing the statements contained therein to be true in every particular.

Signed before me at *Goolwa* (Full Signature of Declarant) *C. Walker*
 this *24th day of November 1919* (Date) *November 20 1919*
 (Signature) *M. Brown*
 (Position) *Mounted Constable*

† Up to 30th November, 1919, this Declaration may be signed by the Applicant before a J.P., State School Head Master, Clergyman, a legally qualified Medical Practitioner, a member of the Police Force, or a Commissioned Officer of the Military Forces. After 30th November, 1919, this Declaration must be signed before a Justice of the Peace, Police Magistrate, Commissioner for Declarations, or Commissioner for Affidavits.
 Any person who makes an untrue statement in this Declaration shall be guilty of an offence under the War Precautions Act, and shall be liable on summary conviction to a Fine not exceeding £100 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months, or both, and may in addition be ordered to repay any money received from the Department of Defence.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date of embarkation	<i>24 6 15</i>	Years	Months	Days	Registered by <i>R. B. B.</i>	PAY— <i>15</i> days at £ <i>6</i> p. d.	<table border="1"> <tr><td>£</td><td>s</td><td>d.</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>10</td><td>-</td></tr> </table>	£	s	d.	4	10	-
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Date of disembarkation													
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Appendix V

Arthur Thomas Walker

Casualty form – Active Service

Army Form B. 103 **50TH BATTALION A.I.F. Casualty Form – Active Service.** Regimental Number **2482**

Regiment or Corps **50TH BATTALION A.I.F.**

Rank **Private** Surname **Walker** Christian Name **A.T.**

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 () Qualification (b) _____
or Corps Trade and Rate _____

Occupation _____ Signature of Officer _____

Report		Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Take from Army Form B. 101, Army Form A. 11, or other official documents
Date	From whom received			
		Embarked		
		Disembarked		
11.9.15	HT "Kingstonian"	Proceeded to join B.E.F.	11.9.15	P134 Nominal R1
18.9.15	C.O. Bn B213	Taken on strength 10TH Bn	Gallipoli 17.9.15	D059/5105
15.10.15	-do-	Sick to hospital	-do-	10.10.15 D069/7569
16.10.15	2nd L.H.F.A.	Admitted Abdominal Pains	-do-	10.10.15 C4043 DQ/70
	-do-	To clearing hospital	-do-	12.10.15 -do-
16.10.15	C.O. Bn B213	Rejoined unit	-do-	12.10.15 D069/7616
18.12.15	2nd F.A. Serpi	Adm. Colic & Tsf to 3rd AGH	Madras 13.12.15	C3315 DQ/75
25.12.15	C.O. Bn B213	Rejoined unit	-do-	21.12.15 AP242 D03/761
29.12.15	"SEANG SEE"	Disembarked at	Alexandria 29.12.15	D3104
8.1.16	C.O. Bn B213/37	14 days Detention	Tel-el-Kebir 7.1.16	AP2450
4.3.16	C.O. Bn B213	Transferred to 50th Bn	Serapeum 26.2.16	D5242 D022

Report		Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Take from Army Form B. 101, Army Form A. 11, or other official documents
Date	From whom received			
11.3.16	C.O. 50th Bn	Taken on strength @ 50th		
	A.F.B. 213	Bn ex 10th Bn	Tel-el-Kebir 27.8.16	AP5612 DOI/270
18.3.16	-do-	Tsf to 4th Div Pioneer Bn	-do-	18.3.16 D03/1200 AP6361
15.3.16	-do- 4th P.	Taken on strength 4th Pioneer	-do-	18.3.16 DOI/618 AP6694
4.4.16	C.O. Bn B2069	Absent w/o Leave from 0615		
	4th Pion Bn	4.4.16 to 0615 5.4.16 24Hrs		
		Forfeits 1 days Pay	Serapeum 10.4.16	AL804 DOI/660
4.6.16	"Section"	Proceeded to join B.E.F.	Alexandria 4.6.16	AP6668
		Disembarked	Marseilles 11.6.16	LR6775
22.7.16	C.O. Bn B213	Transferred to 50th Bn	France 17.7.16	AQ1288 DOI7/2099
23.7.16	C.O. 50th Bn	Taken on strength ex 4th P. Bn	-do-	17.7.16 AQ1257 D025/3228
16.8.16	-do-	Missing in Action	-do-	16.8.16 D031/4058
				V.L. 61/30.8.16
1.6.17	C. of Enquiry	Previously reported as		19/542/6
		Missing now reported as		V.L. 392/29.6.17
		KILLED IN ACTION	FRANCE 16.8.16	D.O. 26/2756
	Anzac Section			
	3rd Echelon S.N.Q.			
	H.E.F.			

W. J. H. [Signature] Lieut.
Officer i/c Records

28th January 1933

A RETURNED SOLDIER'S PROTEST.

(To the Editor "Cairns Post.")

Sir,—I hope you will kindly print the matter below in your valuable paper, re the Cairns conference of the R.S.S.I.L.A. The Returned Soldiers' Association is non-political, non-sectarian; let it be also a non-racial association. As a soldier who has been in the 15th Battalion of the A.I.F. and served on the Peninsula of Gallipoli, France, Belgium, I object very strongly to the slur cast upon my half-caste comrades of the 15th Battalion, some of whom paid the supreme penalty, both in Palestine in the light horse units and other spheres of the war. I saw in the "Cairns Post" of January 16 that Mr. Walmaley was asked by the Mossman returned men to bring the matter before the conference of half caste children mixing with white children in State schools. I consider as a soldier and a white man, that they have as much right to be in the State schools as the white children. The schools are there for all Australian children, whether black, white or brindle. If those returned men are not satisfied with their children rubbing elbows with the other children, no matter what color, in State schools, well, I would suggest to them to send their children to private schools, if there are any. As for the White Australia policy, in my opinion it stands against foreign invasion of colored races. It makes for very bitter feelings among half caste men who are pure Australians. Some of them who live not so very far from Mossman did their duty, wounded four or five times in action. If those returned men in Mossman will come to Cooktown, I will introduce them into half caste homes which are a credit to Australia. I will not be responsible for what will happen to them, for some of them are returned men, and also members of the R.S.S.I.L.A. Those half caste children are to be pitied and not alurred by men who are, I must say, a little bit deficient of common-sense. That is a little bit straight from the shoulder, but soldierly, is it not comrades? Well now, to put the whole matter in a nutshell, I have stood shoulder to shoulder with half castes in Hell's pit, on Quinn's Post, and seen them die like the grandest of white men; and other little stunts I can mention. So please be fair and have a little bit of human feelings. Hoping there will be no more stunts of that kind with the R.S.S.I.L.A.

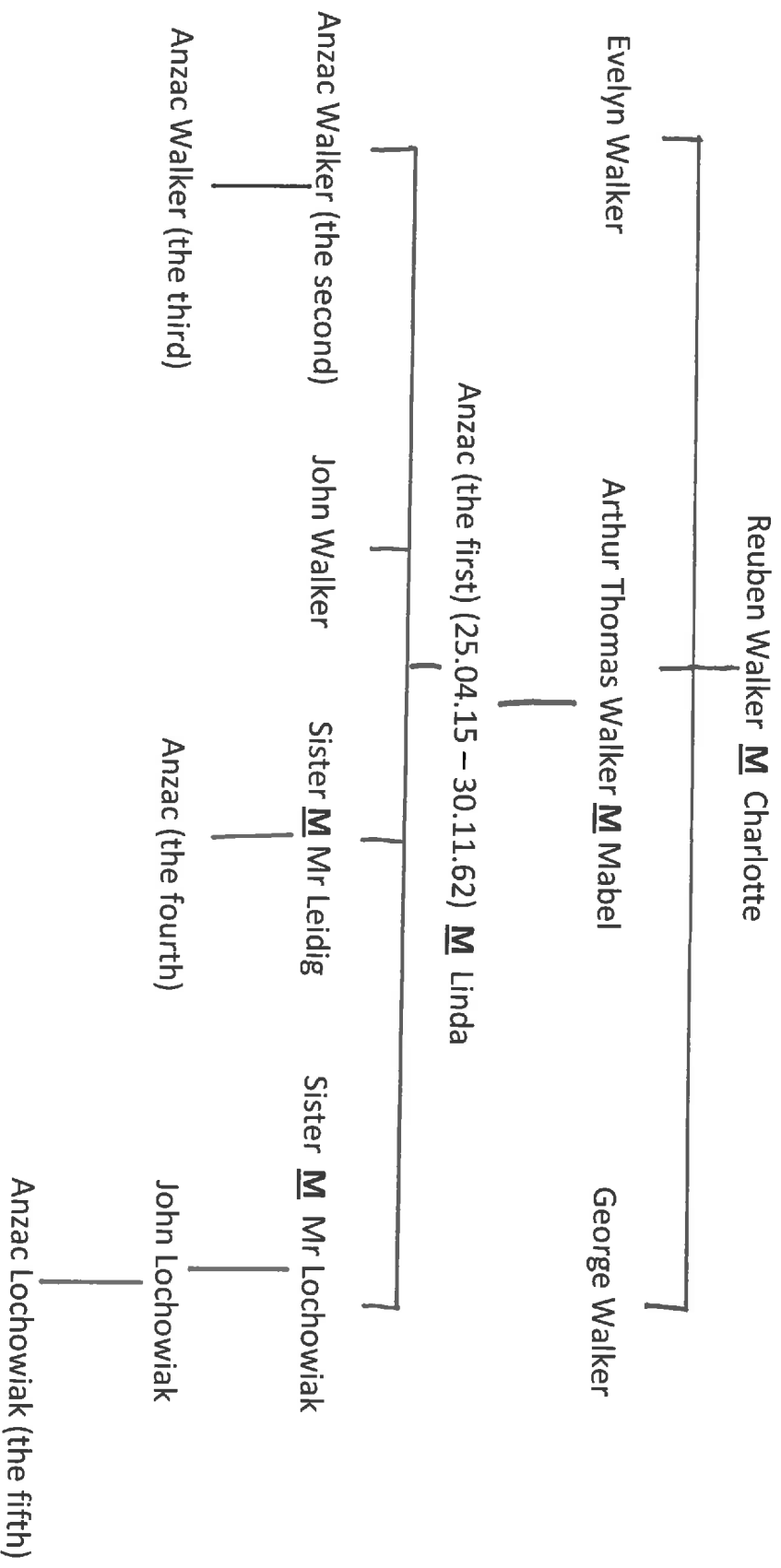
Yours, etc.,

JAMES BENNETT.

Ex Pte. 15th Battalion A.I.F. of
Queensland.
Cooktown, N.Q., January 22.

Appendix VII

Arthur Thomas Walker Family Tree



Appendix VIII

Arthur Thomas Walker

Australian Military forces



AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

"B"
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PAY OFFICE No.

Mitcham Place.

17/6 191*5*

Signature
of Agent.

From No. *2466 Walker A.T.*
Expeditionary Force.

To the DISTRICT PAYMASTER,
4th Military District.

MEMO.—I beg to request that on and after the
Embarkation 191*5*, and during my service
in the Expeditionary Force you will be good enough to pay on my
behalf the sum of *Two Shillings* per day
to *Mr. John George Walker*
of *Woolwa*
whose signature appears in the margin.

A. T. Walker
Regimental No. *2466* Rank *Pte*

Regimental No. _____ Rank _____ Pay Office,
No. _____

Signature of Principal _____

The Agent will please also sign below for purposes of record.

Appendix IX

Arthur Thomas Walker

Will

Copy/EM

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W I L L

In the event of my death I leave the whole
of my belonging & money to my mother Mrs C
Walker South Line Goolwa South Australia
in the event of her death I leave it all to my
sister Evelyn Walker South Line Goolwa
South Australia

(sgt) Privat^{etc} Arthur Thomas Walker

No. 2466 7th Reinforcement Sep. 12th
of 10 Infantry A I F 1915

2466 Pte Walker A.T. 50th B. late 7/10th B.

Certified to be a true copy of the will of
No. 2466 Pte. Walker A.T. 50th B. late 7/10th B.


JUL 29. 1915

(19)

REGISTER CARD "A"

AFTER EMBARKATION.

Certificate No. <i>9</i>	POST OFFICE <i>Geelong</i>	Date of Commencement <i>14-1-16</i>	NAME <i>Walker</i>	Particulars of Children for whom Separation Allowance is Payable	Date of Birth	Attain Age Limit	Causation
SOLDIER'S SURNAME <i>Walker</i>			CHRISTIAN NAME (in full) <i>Arthur Thomas</i>	State Embarked <i>S.A.</i>	Date Embarked <i>24.6.16</i>	Date Return to Australia	Date Discharged
ALLOTTEE'S SURNAME <i>Walker</i>			CHRISTIAN NAME (in full) <i>George</i>	ADDRESS <i>Geelong</i>	Rate per Day Alot. <i>3/-</i>	Total Fortnightly Rate to be Paid <i>1-8-0</i>	Total Debts on Card of Returned Soldier

Fortnight Ended	Date Paid	Amount £ s. d.	Fortnight Ended	Date Paid	Amount £ s. d.
Previous Payments Brought Forward 10/16			Brought Forward 1916		
Feb 24	Nov. 16		Nov. 30	Aug. 9	
Mar. 8	" 30		" 13	" 23	
" 22	Dec. 14		Sept. 6	" 30	
April 6	" 28		Oct. 20	June 13	
" 20	Jan. 11		" 4	" 27	
May 4	" 25		" 18	July 11	
" 18	Feb. 8		Nov. 1	" 25	
June 1	" 22		Dec. 15	Aug. 8	
" 15	Mar. 3		" 29		
" 29	" 22		Dec. 13		
July 13	April 5		Jan. 27		
" 27	" 19		Jan. 10		
Aug. 10	May 3		" 24		
" 24	" 17		Feb. 7		
Sept. 7	" 31		" 21		
" 21	June 14		Mar. 7		
Oct. 5	" 28		" 21		
" 19	July 12		April 4		
Nov. 3	" 26		" 18		
Carried Forward			Carried Forward		

Fortnight Ended	Date Paid	Amount £ s. d.	Fortnight Ended	Date Paid	Amount £ s. d.
Brought Forward 1916			Brought Forward 1917		
May 2	May 2		Aug. 9	Aug. 9	
" 16	" 16		Sept. 6	" 30	
" 30	" 30		Oct. 20	June 13	
June 13	June 13		" 4	" 27	
July 11	July 11		" 18	July 11	
" 25	" 25		Nov. 1	" 25	
Aug. 8	Aug. 8		Dec. 15	Aug. 8	
Carried Forward			Carried Forward		

Causes Affecting Pay

Alot. stopped - soldier dead.

FINAL A/C. PASSE.

10/6 NOV 1917

Statement of Soldier's Account on Termination of Service to be set out hereon.

Form No. 11B. (P.R. 17A.)

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE.

Dr. to the Estate of the late No. 2466 Rank P.T. 50th Batta Late-7th Rfts.

Name WALKER, ARTHUR, Thomas Unit 10th Batta

for Pay and Allowances as per Statement of Account hereunder as a Member of the Australian Imperial Force.

DEPARTMENTAL REGISTRATION No. 9883

Dr. Payable to (Name and Address) WALKER, Mrs. Charlotte, 300 LIA. S.A. Capacity MOTHER. Cr.

Particulars	Period		No. of Days	Rate per Day	Amount		TOTAL DEBITS		TOTAL CREDITS
	From	To			£	d.	£	d.	
Paid under Allotment ...	24-6-15	15-10-16	2/-	48	-	-	48	-	-
Paid Separation Allowance									
Debit as per Statement of Account from Abroad					37	2	37	2	6
Balance due Fort ...							46	17	6
Total ...							132		

I certify that the above account is correct within the meaning of Section 24 of the Audit Acts 1901-1906.

I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE receipt this day of the sum of forty-six pounds eighteen shillings and six pence in full settlement of the above account.

Signature: Charlotte Walker
 Date: 13 / 10 / 1915

Certifying Officer.

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Date / / 1915

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16 OCT 1919

Form No. 11E. (P.R. 17A.)

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE.

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DEPARTMENTAL REGISTRATION No. 4760

Dr. to the Estate of the late No. 2466 Rank Pte Name WALKER, A. T. Unit 50th Bn for Pay and Allowances as per Statement of Account hereunder as a Member of the Australian Imperial Force. Payable to (Name and Address) WALKER, Mrs. Charlotte, Gosnells, S.A. Capacity Mother & Legatee.

Particulars	Period		No. of Days	Amount			No. of Days	Rate per Diem	Amount			TOTAL CREDITS			
	From	To		£	s	d			£	s	d	£	s	d	
Paid under Allotment															
Paid Separation Allowance															
Debits as per Statement of Account from Abroad															
Balance due															
Five pounds and shillings and pence Date 10/1/19 Officer in Charge, General Staff Section.															
SER 24. 1919 As per War Financial Instructions No 206 of 15/1/19															
Total										£	5	2			

I certify that the above account is correct within the meaning of Section 84 of the Audit Act 1901-1906.

I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT this day of the sum of

Five pounds and shillings and pence in full settlement of the above account.

Date / / 19

Certifying Officer.

503

(Witness to Payment and Signature.)

Date / / 19

(Signature of the above-named Person)

25/2/-

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE.

WAR LEAVE PAYMENT—DECEASED SOLDIERS.

1. A War Leave Payment on the undermentioned scale and subject to the conditions stated below has been approved for payment to dependants of deceased members of the Australian Imperial Force and the Naval and Military Expeditionary Force who have served abroad. No amount of sustenance allowance is payable unless a member served abroad for a longer period than twelve months.

PERIOD OF SERVICE ABROAD.		No. of days' pay at rate of pay of substantive rank at date of death.	No. of days' sustenance allowance at rate of 3/- per day.
Exceeding—	Not exceeding—		
4 months	10 months	8 days	<i>Nil</i>
10 months	1 year	15 days	<i>Nil</i>
1 year	1 year and 4 months	15 days	15 days
1 year and 4 months	1 year and 10 months	23 days	23 days
1 year and 10 months	2 years and 4 months	30 days	30 days
2 years and 4 months	2 years and 10 months	38 days	38 days
2 years and 10 months	3 years and 4 months	45 days	45 days
3 years and 4 months	3 years and 10 months	53 days	53 days
3 years and 10 months	4 years and 4 months	60 days	60 days

2. "Service abroad" extends from date of embarkation in Australia until date of death.

3. The scale is calculated on the following basis:—

Pay.—

- (a) $7\frac{1}{2}$ days' pay of rank at time of death for each six months' service abroad.
- (b) Service for a period of less than six months but exceeding four months counts as six months.
- (c) An odd half day in the total amount of the payment period is considered a full day.

Sustenance Allowance.—

- (a) Sustenance Allowance at the rate of 3/- per day is payable for the period calculated under (a), (b), and (c) above, provided that the deceased member served abroad for a longer period than twelve months.

4. In the case of men who returned to Australia during their period of service or who re-enlisted, only the period of service abroad counts as service for the purpose of this payment.

5. Declarations, when completed and addressed, should be forwarded to the District Paymaster of the State in which the soldier enlisted.

The following are the addresses of the District Paymasters:—

New South Wales.

DISTRICT PAYMASTER,
2ND MILITARY DISTRICT,
VICTORIA BARRACKS,
PADDINGTON.

Victoria.

DISTRICT PAYMASTER,
3RD MILITARY DISTRICT,
VICTORIA BARRACKS,
MELBOURNE.

Queensland.

DISTRICT PAYMASTER,
1ST MILITARY DISTRICT,
VICTORIA BARRACKS,
BRISBANE.

South Australia.

DISTRICT PAYMASTER,
4TH MILITARY DISTRICT,
NORTH TERRACE,
ADELAIDE.

Western Australia.

DISTRICT PAYMASTER,
5TH MILITARY DISTRICT,
DISTRICT HEAD-QUARTERS,
PERTH.

Tasmania.

DISTRICT PAYMASTER,
6TH MILITARY DISTRICT,
ANGLESEA BARRACKS,
HOBART.

6. If you change your address after forwarding this Declaration, notify your new address to the District Paymaster.

7. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY CHEQUE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT OWING TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF CLAIMS THAT WILL BE RECEIVED IT MAY BE SOME WEEKS BEFORE YOUR CLAIM IS ADJUSTED.

Arthur Thomas Walker

Information re War Pension Claimants

WAR GRATUITY ACT.

403384

INFORMATION RE WAR PENSION CLAIMANTS.

Name of Member of Forces Walker Arthur J
 No. 2466 Private 50 Battalion.
 State in which pension claimed S

NAMES OF CLAIMANTS:—

Widow _____
 Number of Children _____
 Mother _____
 Father Brother George

The above particulars include names of claimants whose claims have been rejected. If further details are required, local Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation will supply.

Appendix XII

Medals of Arthur Thomas Walker

- A) The Dead Man's Penny is a medallion that was sent to the next-of-kin when a service person died during World War One. This one was given to Arthur's family when he died in recognition of his time served and shows the original cardboard envelope it arrived in.



- B) These are the original service medals that were returned to John Lochowiak. From the left, the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal all in recognition for service in a theatre of war.



Appendix XIII

Anzac Walker (the first)

Mobilization Attestation Form

THIS IMAGE IS REPRODUCED FROM A DAMAGED PAGE WITH A PORTION OF THE INFORMATION MISSING.

Present Occupation Boundary Rider

Employer AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES A. (Service of Peace) B. (War)

Employer's Address _____ NOTICE DRIVER RUNNING REPAIRS

MOBILIZATION ATTESTATION FORM

To be filled in for all Persons at the Place of Assembly when called out under Parts III. or IV. of the Defence Act.

Army No. S. 83455

Surname WALKER (BLOCK CAPITALS) Christian Names Anzac

Unit _____

Enlisted for war service at Point Pearce (Place)

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (State) 31-5-42 (Date)

A. Questions to be put to persons called out or presenting themselves for enlistment.*

<p>1. What is your name?</p> <p>2. Where were you born?</p> <p>3. Are you a British Subject?</p> <p>4. What is your age and date of birth?</p> <p>5. (a) What is your normal trade or occupation? Grade, if any?</p> <p> (b) Present occupation?</p> <p>6. (a) Are you married, single, or widower?</p> <p> (b) If married, state date of marriage</p> <p>7. (a) Have you had previous naval, military, or Air Force service either in peace or war? If so, where and in what arm?</p> <p> (b) What was the reason for your discharge?</p> <p>8. Who is your next of kin? (Order of relationship—wife, eldest son, eldest daughter, father, mother, eldest brother, eldest sister, eldest half-brother, eldest half-sister)</p> <p>9. What is your permanent address?</p> <p>10. What is your religious denomination? (This question need not be answered if the man has a conscientious objection to doing so)</p> <p>11. Which, if any, of the following Educational Qualifications do you possess?</p> <p>12. Have you ever been convicted by a Civil Court?</p> <p> If so—(a) What Court?</p> <p> (b) For what offence?</p>	<p>1. Surname <u>WALKER</u> (BLOCK CAPITALS)</p> <p>Other names <u>Anzac</u></p> <p>2. In or near the town of <u>Point Pearce</u> in the state or country of <u>SA</u></p> <p>3. <u>YES</u></p> <p>4. Age <u>27 years 1</u> Date of Birth <u>25.4.15</u></p> <p>5. (a) <u>Boundary Rider</u> (b) <u>Boundary Rider</u></p> <p>6. (a) <u>Married</u> (b) <u>Unknown</u></p> <p>7. (a) <u>Nil</u> (b) <u>Nil</u></p> <p>8. Name <u>WALKER Linda Maria</u> Address <u>Point Pearce Str</u> <u>SA</u></p> <p>Relationship <u>Wife</u> <u>Point Pearce SA</u> <u>SA</u></p> <p>10. <u>R 6</u></p> <p>1. Certificate for entry to Secondary School. _____</p> <p>2. Intermediate _____</p> <p>3. Leaving _____</p> <p>4. Leaving Honours _____</p> <p>5. Technical _____</p> <p>6. University Degree _____</p> <p>7. Other Diplomas _____</p> <p>12. (a) _____ (b) _____</p>
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I, Anzac Walker do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true.

Witnessed by Edmund Lewis A. Walker
(Signature of Attesting or Witnessing Officer.) (Signature)

* The person will be warned that should he give false answers to any of these questions he will be liable to heavy penalties under the Defence Act.