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 G, Tps. Embarked to join M.D.F.. Alexandria. 5/4/15  
 (GALLIPOLI CAMPAIGN.)  
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 Army Form B. 103.

~~Casualty Form - Active Service.~~

Regiment or Corps *60th Battalion*  
 Regimental No. \_\_\_\_\_ Rank *1st Lieut.* Name *Layh Herbert Thomas Christopher*  
 Enlisted (a) *28.8.14* Terms of Service (a) *10.50.16* Service reckons from (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of promotion to *24.8.14* 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.
<i>28.8.14</i>	<i>From whom received</i>			
<i>6/7/15</i>	<i>CO 1st Bn AIF. Promoted to captain. B.O.S.A.</i>	<i>Gallipoli</i>	<i>25/4/15</i>	<i>Board of enquiry</i>
<i>4/5/15</i>	<i>H.M.H.S. "Stonus". Admitted to H.M.H.S. "Stonus". A.F. A36. Bullet wound. Buttock &amp; left thigh.</i>	<i>H.M.F. A14 at Alexandria</i>	<i>3/4/15</i>	<i>See C.9. 75 of 1915</i>
<i>4/5/15</i>	<i>H.M.H.S. "Stonus". Admitted to H.M.H.S. "Stonus". A.F. A36. Bullet wound. Buttock &amp; left thigh.</i>	<i>Rardouelle</i>	<i>25/2/15</i>	<i>Right</i>
<i>4/5/15</i>	<i>No. 14 General Hospital. Admitted to No. 14 General Hospital. A.F. A36.</i>	<i>Victoria Barrage, Alexandria</i>	<i>30/4/15</i>	
<i>12/6/15</i>	<i>Transferred to convalescent home. A.F. A36</i>	<i>Alexandria</i>	<i>14/6/15</i>	
<i>28/6/15</i>	<i>Embarked on H.M.F. "Mime-waska" to join battalion. (C.1706)</i>	<i>Alexandria</i>	<i>26/6/15</i>	
<i>2/7/15</i>	<i>Rejoined the battalion. (A1186)</i>	<i>Gallipoli Peninsula</i>	<i>1/7/15</i>	<i>A.F. A36</i>
<i>28/8/15</i>	<i>Posted to A Coy to command. A.F. B213</i>	<i>do.</i>	<i>29/8/15</i>	

(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, Shooting Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties. P.T.O.

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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				
11	4/9/15	O.C. 7th Bn A.I.F.	To be second in command of 7th Bn. Gallipoli Peninsula.	28/8/15	A.F. B213 AO 118
12	11/9/15	do.	Resigned command of 'A' Company.	do.	10/9/15 A.F. B213 AO 118
13	18/9/15	do.	To be Major (temporarily) <i>bon premier vice com. 158 of 1915</i>	Scipio Camp Lemnos 2/8/15	A.F. B213 AO 118
14	18/4/15	do.	Left behind on sailing from Alexandria.	Alexandria	- A.F. B213
15	"	"	Rejoined Bn.	Pardanello 12/4/15	- A.F. B213
13	7.1.16	Empress of Britain	Disembarked at	Alexandria	7-1-16 D 3460. Ex Lemnos.
14	28/1/16	Temp. Major EB 238	Promoted Major vice Weddell	Jemmalia	28/1/16 2971 Order list 20 Daily C. 18/1/16
15	1/3/16	O.C. 7th Bn.	Transf'd to 59th Bn A.I.F.	Scrapoun	24/2/16 AP 449 D'y. O. 27/2032 B213/A9
16	11/3/16	O.C. 59th Bn.	Taken on strength of 59th Battalion A.I.F.	Tel-el-Kehir	24/2/16 AP 5913 B213/3 D.O. 1/1
17	12/3/16	O.C. Orders No 140	2nd from 7th Bn to 59th Bn.	Jemmalia	12/3/16 AP 6088

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**Casualty Form—Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps 59th Battalion A.I.F.  
 Regimental No. \_\_\_\_\_ Rank Major Name Layh, Herbert Thomas Christopher  
 Enlisted (a) 24/8/14 Terms of Service (a) 16 Col Service reckons from (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of promotion to present rank } 28/1/16 Date of appointment to lance rank } \_\_\_\_\_ Numerical position on roll of N.C.O.s } \_\_\_\_\_  
 Extended \_\_\_\_\_ Re-engaged \_\_\_\_\_ Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_

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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					
18	6/6/16	Emb Roll	Embarked Overseas as 5th Airl. Advance Party per "Oriona"	Alexra	6/1/16	AK 8806
19	13/6/16	18 JUN 1916	Disembarked	Marseilles	13/6/16	AK 5089
20	7/7/16	CO. Blk	Joined Blk from Embktn. In the field duty at Marseilles	In the field	3/7/16	AK 984
21	24/7/16	5th Airl. Rout Order	major H 26 Layh assumes Command of 59th Blk Lt Col E. A. Harris, sick	Tempy 19/7/16 nice listed 19/7/16	19/7/16	5th Airl R. Order 2017/4480 3213 ad 2751
22	5/8/16	A.I.F. Order	Granted Temp Rank Lt Col while Commanding 59th Battalion	France	27/7/16	AK 211/11 2021/5943 3213
23	23/8/16	A.I.F. Order	To be Lieut-Colonel Lt Col Harris (invalided) 27.7.16	"	"	AK 211/29 2023/6347

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 (b) e.g., Signaller, Shoeing Smith, etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

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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				
24	13/10/16 Col Bn A213	Detached to 5th Div Gas School of Instr	France	10/10/16	AD 8511 20 31/7/469
25	" "	Rejoined from above	"	12/10/16	" 20 31/7/47*
	17/11/16 5th Div Routinel	To temporarily Command Divisional Infantry School at Montornier France pending arrival of Lt. Col. Watson from England	France	17.11.16	Proceeded 17/11/16 20 41/8698
26					
27	7.12.16 8059th Bn.	Rejd Bn. from above		4.12.16	as 2390. 20. 11/9755
28	29/2/16 5 <sup>th</sup> Supple ment to the London Gazette Monday 11-17	Awarded the <u>Distinguished Service Order.</u>			AK 771/55 No 29886 006/112
29	20/1/17 All 30th List	Mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's despatch of 13.11.16 "for distinguished & gallant services & devotion to duty in the field"			20 6/1317 AK 771/68
30	2/2/17 8059th Bn Bn	Proceeded on leave Rejd Bn from leave	England France	25.9.16 5.10.16	82295
30	9/2/17 16/2/17	Proceeded on leave Rejd Bn from leave		20/1/17 10/2/17	82296. 82297
31	11/5/17 8059th Bn	wounded in action (Gas Shell)	France	7/5/17	82299 20 30/3797
32	5 7 21.5.17	47 Coy Trans to 3rd Coy	France	10.5.17	20 1244/51
			"	21.5.17	20 1344/51

Sheet III

Casualty Form Active Service.

Regimental Number.....

Rank *Lt. Col* Regiment or Corps *59th Battalion A.S.C.*  
 Surname *Layh* Christian Name *Herbert Thomas Christopher*  
 Religion *(D.S. of C.)* Age on Enlistment ..... years ..... months  
 Enlisted (a) *24/5/17* Terms of Service (a) ..... years ..... months  
 Date of promotion to present rank *28/1/16* Date of appointment to lance rank .....  
 Extended (.....) Re-engaged (.....) Qualification (b).....  
 Occupation ..... or Corps Trade and Rate.....  
 Signature of Officer.....

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 23, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.		Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 23, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received					
			Embarked ...			
			Disembarked...			
<i>32</i>	<i>13/5/17</i>	<i>6 Lt. Col</i>	<i>Adm Gassed (Shell) W</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>10/5/17</i>	<i>AK 1204/103</i>
<i>35</i>	<i>22.5.17</i>	<i>3d C.S.H.</i>	<i>Adm Gas W.</i>	<i>Arrillens</i>	<i>21.5.17</i>	<i>AK 1204/103</i>
<i>37</i>	<i>27.5.17</i>	<i>1st A.S.H.</i>	<i>Adm Gas poisoning</i>	<i>Tongues</i>	<i>27.5.17</i>	<i>AK 1204/103</i>
<i>36</i>	<i>27.8.17</i>	<i>3d C. S. H.</i>	<i>Trans to front hair</i>	<i>Arrillens</i>	<i>27.5.17</i>	<i>AK 1204/103</i>
<i>38</i>	<i>30.5.17</i>	<i>1st A.S.H.</i>	<i>Trans to England</i>	<i>Leques</i>	<i>30.5.17</i>	<i>AK 1204/103</i>
<i>39</i>	<i>20.5.17</i>	<i>3rd hon. sent step.</i>	<i>Lt. Col.</i>			
<i>21</i>	<i>29/6/17</i>	<i>AIF list 197.</i>	<i>Adm Shell Gas.</i>	<i>Wandsworth</i>	<i>30.5.17</i>	<i>D037 E. 9-6-17</i>
			<i>(G.W.) evacuated Wounded is placed on the</i>			<i>LR 6453</i>
			<i>seconded list Dated. 9.5.17 (AK 1146/117)</i>			<i>D0531 E 7/11</i>

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 (b) Signaller, Shocing-Smith, &c.

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Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B.213, Army Form A. 25, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A. 25, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
40	2.8.17 3 <sup>rd</sup> London Genl Hosp	Lt Col. Desch to duty	Andover	2.8.17	DB 12 28
41	5.8.17 No. 4. Com Dep.	Lt Col. M/in from admin	Boxford.	3.8.17	L.P. 6498 B213.
42	#1.E. list 228	Lt Col. Placed on supply list		9.8.17	D.O. 67E 42 65E 22.9.17.
43	#1.E. list 246	Lt Col. From supply list in transfer to General list.		15.10.17	D.O. 77E 4716E 24.10.17.
44	21.10.17 15 <sup>th</sup> Ing. Bn Hurdcott. W. 21. Bn. C/Col	Lt Col. M/in from No 4 Com Depot Boxford		8.10.17	CR 9733.
45	21.10.17 Depot. Boxford	M/O to 15 <sup>th</sup> I.B. Hurdcott. 20.10.17. Auth. CR. AIF. 14809 (A) of 4.10.17.	Boxford.	20.10.17	L.R. 9733 21.2.17
47	MR. Tidmarsh	(Lt Col) Lt for Gen Service	15 <sup>th</sup> Ing Bn.	21.2.17	CR 4430/24/12
46	A.S. Post 279 & supp for 904 to 24.5 of 24/17	Specialization in Sir S. Hays despatches of		7.11.17	4027E 8/4/18
28 218	cut off	PROCEEDED O/SEAS, FRANCE	Palou	28/11	CR 4509/219 4037E 8/4/18
27.4.18	6057 Bn	Lt Col. Taken on	Ludd	3.4.18	A.F.B. 158
130.11.15	AIF. list 324	Strongly 57 Bn from General List			D.O. 19/1762

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Sheet 1

Regiment or Corps..... 57th Div

Rank..... Lt Col Surname..... Layh (D.S.O.) Christian Name..... H.T.C.

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 ( )

Occupation.....

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer commanded his battalion in a counter-attack. At the last moment the orders on which he had based his plans were altered, and he had to make entirely fresh arrangements, which he explained so clearly to his officers that the movement was successful. When he found that the task allotted to other units was not proceeding satisfactorily he detached a portion of his battalion to assist, which proved the turning point, and resulted in the capture of several hundreds of the enemy, 120 machine-guns, six trench mortars, and four minewerfers. Whilst consolidating the position, he pushed out patrols in the most energetic manner, getting into touch with other units. (D.S.O. gazetted 1st January, 1917.)

Officer

Report AK 3124/14  
Date From whom received

Record of promotions, re-engagements, and discharges during active service, Army Form A. 36, C. The authority to be quoted

50	10-5-18	AIF List 329	1st Lt. Transferred to Field	1-5-18	AK 3124/14
			60 Bn		Do 21/2014
51	10-5-18	do	To 60th Bn	1-5-18	AK 3124/14
			SSR, 40th Bn		2024/2347
52	7-6-18	60th Bn Bn3	Advanced bat to D.S.O.		E23/78 D.O.M.
			1st Lt. 18/15		AK 3124/14 27/29.7
53	6-7-18	60th Bn Bn3	To Senior officers school	30-6-18	E23/79
54	13-7-18	5th Bn	Marched on	9-7-18	E17/78 50/129
54	13-7-18	60th Bn Bn3	Rejoined Battalion x School	9-7-18	E23/80
53	8-7-18	do	Commanding 15 Lf Bn		2024/2347
			during his absence of	9-7-18	E23/80

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment shall be entered in the appropriate column of the form. (b) Signaller, Sholing-Smith, & Co.

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Sheet 11

Regiment or Corps..... 57 Bn

Rank..... Lt Col Surname..... Layh (D.S.O.) Christian Name..... H.T.C.

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..... Qualification (b).....

Occupation..... or Corps Trade and rate.....

Signature of Officer.....

out a tape for their slinging in. Throughout the operation his assistance was invaluable, and was largely responsible for its successful issue. (M.C. gazetted 26th November, 1917.)

Lt. William Paul BOLAND, M.C., 14th Bn.  
For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty he immediately organised and led a reinforced party to assist an attack that was temporarily checked. At great personal risk he assisted the re-organisation of other troops, and was defatigable in keeping neighbouring units supplied with reliable information. His initiative and prompt grasp of the situation were of the greatest value. (M.C. gazetted 18th June, 1918.)

Lt. William BURROWS, M.C., 16th Bn.

Date	From	Report	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks
50	10-5-18	AIF List 329	60 Bn	1-5-18	AW 26/18/1918 DO 21/20/18
51	10-5-18	do	To 40th Bn	1-5-18	ad 26/1/18 to 21/22/18
52	7-6-18	60 Bn Bn 3 Maj. C. P. Hume R.O. 5/169 18/1/15	Transferred to D.S.O.		E 23/78 20/18 AW 26/18/18 27/29/17
53	6-7-18	60 Bn Bn 3	To Senior officers school	20-6-18	E 23/79
54	13-7-18	60 Bn Bn 3	Marched in	9-7-18	E 19/78 7/129
54	13-7-18	60 Bn Bn 3	Rejoined Battalion X School	9-7-18	E 23/80
55	8-7-18	do	Commanding 15 Inf Bn during temporary absence of	9-7-18	20/7/129 E 23/80

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged or enlisted after Section D, his previous particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered in the column for the date of re-engagement or enlistment.  
(b) Signaller, Signaling Staff, etc.

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Date	From whom received				
57	20 7 18	15 Bth Regt Bn	India	20 7 18	20/7/18
58	27 7 18	60 Bn Bn	Rejoined Battalion	20 7 18	20/7/18
59	31 8 18	do	Temp Comd 15 Aust Inf Bn	27 8 18	27/8/18
60	14 9 18	do	Rejoined Battalion	13 9 18	13/9/18
61	24 9 18	Now Roll	Embarked for Aust. at Darwin	24 9 18	24/9/18
Antigua Section, 3rd Echelon of HQ			British Expeditionary Force		

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Army Form II, 103-11, Part II.

(SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).

Regiment or Corps ~~7th Bde~~ 60th BATTALION Regimental Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*Substantive Rank Lt. Lt-Col Surname LAYH Christian Names Herbert Thomas Christopher  
 \*Acting Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 (\* To be entered in pencil to facilitate alteration.)

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(A) Report		(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)
Date	From whom received	Authority of Part II. of Orders	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.	Place of casualty	Date of promotion, reduction, reversion, casualty, &c.	Remarks, and initials and rank of an officer
6/4/15	CO. 7th Btn.		Promoted to Captain.	HMT. A14 at Alexandria.	6/4/15	
	OC. Troops		Emb. to join MEF. (Gall. Campaign)	Alexandria	6/4/15	
18/4/15	CO. 7th Btn.		Left behind on sailing from Alexandria.	"		
18/4/15	"		Rejoined Battalion	Dardanelles	12/4/15	
22/5/15	"		Wounded	Gallipoli	25/4/15	
1/5/15	HM HS. Itonus		Adm. to H.M.S. "Itonus" A.P. A36. Bullet wound. Buttock and left thigh. Slight.	Dardanelles	25/27/4/15	
7/5/15	No. 17 C. Hosp.		Admitted to No. 17 Gen. Hp. A.P. A36	Victoria College, Alex.	30/4/15	
12/6/15	"		Transferred to Conv. Home.	Alexandria	4/6/15	
28/5/15	Aus. O/S Base.		Embarked on H.M.T. "Minnewashta" to join Battalion.	"	26/5/15	
2/7/15	Divl. Hqs.		Rejoined Battalion	Gall. Penin.	1/7/15	
18/9/15	CO. 7th Bn.		To be Major (Temp) (Confirmation ord.com. Jan 15.8 of 1915)	Sarpi Camp Lemnos Is.	2/8/15	D0118
28/8/15	"		Posted to "A" Coy to command.	Gall. Pen.	26/8/15	
4/9/15	"		To be End in command 7th Battalion	"	28/8/15	D0118
11/9/15	"		Resumed command of "A" Coy.	"	10/9/15	D0118

7/1/16 HMT. Empress Disembarked at Alexandria 7/1/16  
of Britain. ex Lemnos.  
28/1/16 Army Corps.Hq. Promoted Major vice Ismailia 28/1/16 DOR6/1906  
Waddell.  
11/3/16 CO.7th Btn. Tfd. to 59th Btn,AIF. Serapeum 24/2/16 D027/2932  
11/3/16 CO.59th Bn. T.O.S. of 59th Bn. Tel-el-K. 24/2/16 D01/  
12/3/16 AIF Orders Transferred from 7th Bn. Ismailia 12/3/16  
List 40. to 59th Battalion.  
6/6/16 Emb.Roll. Embkd. o/seas as 5th Alexandria 6/6/16  
Divl. Advance Party  
per "Oriana"

(A) Report	(B) Authority of Part II. of Orders	(C) Record of promotions, appointments, reductions, casualties, transfers, postings, &c. All action 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.
18/6/16 7/7/16	OO. Troops. CO.Btn.	Disembarked Joined Btn. from Embkn. duty at Marseilles.	Marseilles Field	13/6/16 3/7/16	
22/7/16	5th Div.Rout. Order.	Major H.T.C.Layh assumes temp. command of 59th Btn. 19/7/16 vice Lt.Col.E.Harris sick, listed 19/7/16 Granted Temp.rank of Lt.Col. while commanding 59th Btn. To be Lieut.Col.and to command vice Harris (invalided) 27/7/16.	France "	27/7/16 27/7/16	D017/4480 D021/5943 D023/6347
20/1/17	AIF.orders. List 81.	Mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's dispatch of 13/11/16 for dis- tinguished and gallant services and devotion to duty in the Field.	"	<del>4/12/16</del> 27/7/16	D03/1217
2/2/17 2/2/17 13/10/16	CO.59th Bn. " CO.Btn.	Proceeded on leave Rejoined Bn .from leave Detached to 5th Divl.Gas School of Instruction.	England France "	25/9/16 5/10/16 10/10/16	D031/7469
13/10/16 17/11/16	" 5th Div.Rou- tine O.	Rejoined from above To temporarily command Divl. Infantry School at Montonviller pending arrival of Lt.Col. Mason from England	" "	12/10/16 17/11/16	D031/7474 D041/8698

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Sheet 2  
(SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).

Regiment or Corps 5th-Str. 60th BATTALION. Regimental Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*Substantive Rank Lt. Lt-COL. Surname LAYH Christian Names Herbert Thomas  
Christopher.  
 \*Acting Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 (\* To be entered in pencil to facilitate alteration.)

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(A) Report	(B) Authority of Part II, of Orders	(C) Record of promotions, appointments, reductions, casualties, transfers, postings, &c. All acting as well as substantive promotions to be shown, for method of entry of which see A.C.I. 3816 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
7/12/16	CO. 59th Bttn.	Rejoined Btn. from Divl. In- fantry School.	France	4/12/16	DO41/8745
29/12/16	3rd Supple- ment to the London Cast. of 29/12/16. Monday 1/1/17.	Awarded the DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.			DO6/1112
9/2/17	CO. 59th Bttn.	Proceeded on leave	"	24/1/17	
16/2/17	"	Rejoined Bn. from Leave	"	10/2/17	
11/5/17	"	Wounded in action (gas shell)	"	9/5/17	DO20/3797
29/5/17	AIF List 197.	Evacuated Wounded 1 placed on the seconded list dated	"	9/5/17	DO53/3669E
13/5/17	6th A.F.A.	Adm. Gassed (shell) "W". Tfd. to 3rd C.C.S.	"	10/5/17	
5/5/17	47th C.C.S.	Adm. gassed (shell) "W"	"	10/5/17	
21/5/17	"	Tfd. to 3rd C.C.S.	"	21/5/17	
22/5/17	3rd C.S. Hosp.	Admitted Gas. W.	Doullens	21/5/17	
27/5/17	"	Tfd. to Amb. Train	"	27/5/17	
27/5/17	1st Red X Hpl.	Adm. Gas poisoning	Fouquet	27/5/17	
30/5/17	1st Red X Hpl.	Tfd. to England	Le Touquet	30/5/17	DO45/4143
20/5/17	3rd Ldn. G. Hpl.	Admitted shell (gas)	Hand- worth.	30/5/17	DO37/3344E
2/8/17	"	Disch. to duty	"	2/8/17	
5/8/17	No. 4 C. Dep. AIF. List 228	Main from Adm. H. L. London Placed on Supny. List	Codford England	3/8/17 9/8/17	DO57/ 255E

AIF List 246 From Supny. List is tfd to General England 15/10/17 D077,491  
 List.  
 21/10/17 15 Tng. Bn. Marched in from No. 4 Command Dpt. " 18/10/17  
 Hurdcott.  
 21/10/17 No. 4 C. Dep. M. out to 15th T. B. Hurdcott Codford 20/10/17  
 Codford. 20/10/17. Auth C. R. AIF 14809  
 (A) of 4/10/17  
 AIF List 279 Special mention in Sir. D. Haig's 7/11/17 D027  
 & supp. Lon. despatch of 8/4/18  
 Gaz 3044.8 of  
 28/12/17

(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. 186 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					
	MR. Tidworth		Fit for Gen. service	15th Tng. Bn.	21/2/18	
28/3/18	Emb. Off.		Proceeded o/seas France via	Polkestone	28/3/18	D027/E 8/4/18
27/4/18	CO. 59th Bn.		Taken on strength of 57th Bn.	Field	3/4/18	D019/1762
30/4/18	AIF List 324.		from Gen. List & to command.	"	1/5/18	D021/2014
10/5/18	AIF List 329.		Tfd. to 60th Btn.	"	1/5/18	D021/2347
10/5/18	do		To command 60th Bn. vice Lt. Col. N. Marshall DSO. MC. trans. to command 54 Bn.	"		
7/6/18	60th Bn.		Awarded Bar to D.S.O.	"		D027/2917
	Aus. Corps. Hqrs.					
	R.O. 31/169					
	18/6/18					
6/7/18	60th Btn.		To Senior Officers School.	"	30/6/18	
13/7/18	do		Rejoined Bn. ex school	"	8/7/18	
8/7/18	do		Commanding 15 Inf. Bde. during temp. absence of Brig. Gen. R. B. Elliott C.B. etc.,	"	9/7/18	D034/4001
13/7/18	13th B.E.Q.		Marched in	"	20/7/18	D07/129
20/7/18	15 B.Hqrs.		Marched out to unit	"	20/7/18	D07/134
27/7/18	60th Btn.		Rejoined Battalion and to temp. command 15 Aust. Inf. Brigade.	"	20/7/18	D034/4002
31/8/18	do		Proceeded on leave to U.K.	"	27/8/18	
14/9/18	do		Rejoined Battalion ex leave.	"	13/9/18	

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## (SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).

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Regiment or Corps 7th-2nd 60th BATTALION Regimental Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*Substantive Rank Lt. Lt-Col name LAYH Christian Names Herbert Thomas  
Christopher  
 \*Acting Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 (\* To be entered in pencil to facilitate alteration.)

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W1889-PP1150 500,000 5/18 G. W.P. Co (3490)

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Date.	From whom received					
6/4/15	CO.7th Bttn.		Promoted to Captain.	HMT. Al4 at Alexandria.	5/4/15	
	OC. Troops		Emb. to join MEF. (Gall. Campaign)	Alexandria.	5/4/15	
18/4/15	CO.7th Bth.		Left behind on sailing from Alexandria.	"		
18/4/15	"		Rejoined Battalion	Dardanelles	12/4/15	
22/5/15	"		Wounded	Gallipoli	25/4/15	
1/5/15	HM HS. Itonus		Adm. to H.M.H.S. "Itonus" A.F. A36. Bullet wound. Buttock and left thigh. Slight.	Dardanelles	25/27/4/15	
7/5/15	No.17 C.Hosp.		Admitted to No.17 Gen.Hp. A.T. A36	Victoria College. Alex.	30/4/15	
12/5/15	"		Transferred to Conv.Home.	Alexandria	4/5/15	
28/5/15	Aus.O/S Base.		Embarked on H.M.T. "Minne- washa" to join Battalion.	"	26/5/15	
2/7/15	Divl.H.Qrs.		Rejoined Battalion	Gall. Penin.	1/7/15	
18/9/15	CO.7th Bn.		To be Major (Temp) (Confirmation ord.com. Jaz 15.8 of 1915)	Sarpi Camp Lemnos Is.	2/8/15	D0118
28/8/15	"		Posted to "A" Coy to command.	Gall. Pen.	26/8/15	
4/9/15	"		To be 2nd in command 7th Battalion	"	28/8/15	D0118
11/9/15	"		Resumed command of "A" Coy.	"	10/9/15	D0118

7/1/16	RMP. Empress of Britain.	Disembarked at ex Lemnos.	Alexandria	7/1/16
28/1/16	Army C ps.H.	Promoted Major vice Weddell.	Ismailia	28/1/16 DO16/1906
11/3/16	CO.7th Btn.	Tfd. to 59th Btn,AIF.	Berapeum	24/2/16 DO27/2932
11/3/16	CO.59th Bn.	T.O.S. of 59th Bn.	Tel-el-K.	24/2/16 DO1/
12/3/16	AIF Orders List 40.	Transferred from 7th Bn. to 58th Battalion.	Ismailia	12/3/16
6/6/16	Emb.Roll.	Embkd. o/seas as 5th Divl. Advance Party per "Oriana"	Alexandria	6/6/16

(A) Report		(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)
Date.	From whom received	Authority of Part II. of Orders	Record of promotions, appointments, reductions, casualties, transfers, postings, &c. All action as well as substantive promotions to be shown, for method of entry of which see A.C.I. 1316 of 1917. Corps and unit to which transferred and posted to be invariably named.	Place of casualty	Date of promotion, reduction, reversion, casualty, &c.	Remarks, and initials and rank of an officer
18/6/16	OC. Troops.	Disembarked		Marseilles	13/6/16	
7/7/16	CO.Btn.	Joined Btn. from Embkn. duty at Marseilles.		Field	3/7/16	
22/7/16	5th Lv.Rout. Order.	Major H.T.C.Layh assumes temp. command of 59th Btn.			27/7/16	DO17/4480
5/8/16	AIF.orders List 74.	19/7/16 vice Lt.Col.E.Harris sick, listed 19/7/16		France	27/7/16	DO21/5943
23/8/16	AIF.orders List 81.	Granted Temp.rank of Lt.Col. while commanding 59th Btn.		"	27/7/16	DO23/6347
20/1/17	AIF.orders.	To be Lieut.Col.and to command vice Harris (Invalided) 27/7/16.		"	<del>4/12/16</del>	DO3/1217
		Mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's dispatch of 13/11/16 for distinguished and gallant services and devotion to duty in the Field.				
2/2/17	CO.59th Bn.	Proceeded on leave		England	25/9/16	
2/2/17	"	Rejoined Bn .from leave		France	5/10/16	
13/10/16	CO.Btn.	Detached to 5th Divl.Gas School of Instruction.		"	10/10/16	DO31/7469
13/10/16	"	Rejoined from above		"	12/10/16	DO31/7474
17/11/16	5th Div.Routine O.	To temporarily command Divl. Infantry School at Montonviller pending arrival of Lt.Col. Mason from England		"	17/11/16	DO41/8698

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Sheet 2  
(SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).

Army Form B, 103-11,  
Part II.

Regiment or Corps ~~7th-8th~~ 60th BATTALION. Regimental Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*Substantive Rank ~~Lt.~~ Lt.-COL. Surname LAYH Christian Names Herbert Thomas  
 \*Acting Rank Christopher.  
 (\* To be entered in pencil to facilitate alteration.)

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W. 1889-1913 50,000 5/18 G. W. P. Co. (5490)

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Date.	From whom received					
7/12/16	CO. 59th Bttn.		Rejoined Btn. from Divl. In- fantry School.	France	4/12/16	DO41/8755
29/12/16	3rd Supple- ment to the London Cast. of 29/12/16. Monday 1/1/17.		Awarded the DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.			DO6/1112
9/2/17	CO. 59th Bttn.		Proceeded on leave	"	24/1/17	
16/2/17	"		Rejoined Bn. from Leave	"	10/2/17	
11/5/17	"		Wounded in action (gas shell)	"	9/5/17	DO20/3797
29/5/17	AIF List 197.		Evacuated Wounded & placed on the second list dated		9/5/17	DO53/3869E
13/5/17	6th A.F.A.		Adm. Gassed (shell) "W". Tfd. to 3rd C.C.S.	"	10/5/17	
5/5/17	47th C.C.S.		Adm. gassed (shell) "W"	"	10/5/17	
21/5/17	"		Tfd. to 3rd CSHosp.	"	21/5/17	
22/5/17	3rd C.S. Hosp.		Admitted Gas. W.	Doullens	21/5/17	
27/5/17	"		Tfd. to Amb. Train	"	27/5/17	
27/5/17	1st Red X Hpl.		Adm. Gas poisoning	Touquet	27/5/17	
30/5/17	1st Red X Hpl.		Tfd. to England	Le Touquet	30/5/17	DO22/4128
20/5/17	3rd Lan. G. Hpl.		Admitted shell (gas)	Wands- worth.	30/5/17	DO37/3344E
2/8/17	"		Disch. to duty	"	2/8/17	
5/8/17	No. 4 C. Dep. AIF. List 228		M. in from Adm. H. Q. London Placed on Supny. List	Codford England	3/8/17 9/8/17	DO67/ 255E

AIF List 246 From Supny. List is tfd to General England 15/10/17 D077/491E  
 List.  
 21/10/17 15 Tng. Bn. Marched in from No. 4 Command Dpt. " 16/10/17  
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 Codford. 20/10/17. Auth C. R. AIF 14809  
 (A) of 4/10/17  
 AIF List 279 Special mention in Sir. D. Haig's 7/11/17 D027-  
 & Supp. Lon. despatch of E  
 Gaz 3044.8 of 8/4/18  
 20/10/17

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	MR. Tidworth	Fit for Gen. service		15th Tng. Bn.	21/2/18	
28/3/18	Emb. Off.	Proceeded o/seas France via		Polkestone	28/3/18	D027/E 8/4/18
27/4/18	CO. 59th Bn.	Taken on strength of 57th Bn.		Field	3/4/18	D019/1752
30/4/18	AIF List 324.	from Gen. List & to command.		"		
10/5/18	AIF List 329.	Tfd. to 60th Btn.		"	1/5/18	D021/2014
10/5/18	do	To command 60th Bn. vice Lt. Col. H. Marshall DSO. MC. trans. to command 54 Bn.		"	1/5/18	D021/2347
7/6/18	60th Bn.	Awarded Bar to D.S.O.		"		D027/2917
	Aus. Corps. Hqrs.					
	R.O. 31/169					
	16/6/18					
5/7/18	60th Btn.	To Senior Officers School.		"	30/6/18	
13/7/18	do	Rejoined Bn. ex school		"	8/7/18	
8/7/18	do	Commanding 15 Inf. Bde. during temp. absence of Brig. Gen. R. S. Elliott C.B. etc.,		"	9/7/18	D034/4001
15/7/18	13th B. B. A.	Marched in		"	9/7/18	D07/129
20/7/18	15 B. Hrs.	Marched out to unit		"	20/7/18	D07/124
27/7/18	60th Btn.	Rejoined Battalion and to temp. command 15 Aust. Inf. Brigade.		"	20/7/18	D034/4002
31/8/18	do	Proceeded on leave to U.K.		"	27/8/18	
14/9/18	do	Rejoined Battalion ex leave.		"	13/9/18	

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BASE RECORDS OFFICE, A.I.F.,  
13th February, 1919.

NO. 10

Dear Madam,

I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder copy of extract from Third Supplement, No. 30901 to the London Gazette, dated 16th September, 1918, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by your husband, Lieutenant-Colonel H.T.C. Layh, D.S.O., 60th Battalion.

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AWARDED A BAR TO THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER

" HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the above award to the undermentioned officer, in recognition of his gallantry and devotion to duty in the field :-

Lieutenant-Colonel HERBERT THOMAS CHRISTOPH LAYH, D.S.O.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This Officer commanded his battalion in a counter-attack. At the last moment the orders on which he had based his plans were altered, and he had to make entirely fresh arrangements, which he explained so clearly to his officers that the movement was successful. When he found that the task allotted to other units was not proceeding satisfactorily, he detached a portion of his battalion to assist, which proved the turning point, and resulted in the capture of several hundreds of the enemy, 40 machine guns, six trench mortars, and four minenwerfers. Whilst consolidating the position, he pushed out patrols in the most energetic manner, getting into touch with other units. "

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The above has been promulgated in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, No. 15, dated 4th February, 1919.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. H.T.C. Layh,  
85 Munro Street,  
Coburg,  
VICTORIA.

Captain,  
for Officer: 1/c Base Records.

TELEPHONE:  
CENTRAL 3606.

B.S.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
VICTORIA BARRACKS.

*Melbourne, 20th June, 1919.*

Dear Madam,

I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder copy of extract from Fifth Supplement, No. 31089, to the "London Gazette," dated 27th December, 1918, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by the undermentioned member of the Australian Imperial Force.

MENTIONED IN DESPACHES.

The following is a continuation of Sir DOUGLAS HAIG'S Despatch of the 8th November, 1918, submitting names deserving of special mention:--

Lieutenant-Colonel H. T. C. LAYH, D.S.O.

The above has been promulgated in "Commonwealth of Australia Gazette," No. 61, dated 25th May, 1919.

Mrs. H. T. C. Layh,  
85 Munro Street,  
Coburg,  
VICTORIA.

Yours faithfully,

Major,  
Officer i/c Base Records.

C.8221.

TELEPHONE:  
CENTRAL 4741.

PB/BS.

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

BASE RECORDS OFFICE.  
VICTORIA BARRACKS.

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

Melbourne, 10th May, 1918.

Dear Madam, I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder copy of extract from Second Supplement, No. 30448, to the "London Gazette" dated 25th December, 1917, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by the undermentioned member of the Australian Imperial Force.

MENTIONED IN DESPACHES.

The following is a continuation of Sir Douglas Haig's Despatch of the 7th November, submitting names deserving special mention, published in a supplement to the "London Gazette" of Friday, 28th December, 1917:—

**Lieutenant-Colonel H. T. C. LAYH, D.S.O."**

The above has been promulgated in "Commonwealth of Australia Gazette," No. 57, dated 18th April, 1918.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. H.T.C.Layh,  
85 Munro Street,  
Coburg,  
VICTORIA.

C.6369.

Major,  
Officer i/c Base Records.

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BASE RECORDS OFFICE, A.I.F.  
5th July, 1917.

Dear Madam,

I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder copy of extract from Third Supplement No.29886 to the London Gazette of 29th December, 1916, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by your husband, Lieutenant-Colonel H. T. C. Layh, 59th Battalion.

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AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER  
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HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the above-mentioned reward for distinguished service in the Field, dated 1st January, 1917:-

Lieutenant-Colonel HERBERT THOMAS CHRISTOPHER LAYH

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The above has been promulgated in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette No.105 of 29th June, 1917.

Yours faithfully,

Major.

Officer i/c Base records.

rs. H.T.C. Layh,  
85 Munro Street,  
Coburg, VIC.

H.C.F.

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PASS RECORDS OFFICE, A.I.F..  
7th June, 1919.

Dear Madam,

I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder copy of extract from Supplement No. 31092, to the London Gazette, dated 1st January, 1919, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by your husband, Lieutenant-Colonel H.T.C. Layh, D.S.O., 60th Battalion.

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MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF SAINT

--- MICHAEL AND SAINT GEORGE ---  
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"THE KING has been graciously pleased to give directions for the following promotion in, and appointment to, the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, for services rendered in connexion with military operations in, France and Flanders. Dated 1st January, 1919 :-

To be an Additional Member of the Third Class, or Companion of the said Most Distinguished Order :-

Lieutenant-Colonel

HERBERT THOMAS CHRISTOPH LAYH, D.S.O."

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The above has been promulgated in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, No. 61 dated 23rd May, 1919.

Yours faithfully,

Major.

Mrs. H.T.C. Layh,  
85 Munro Street,  
Coburg,  
VICTORIA.

Officer i/o Pass Records.

W18/26830

S.O.I.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - 3rd MILITARY DISTRICT.

Headquarters,  
MELBOURNE, 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 1918...

To Secretary,  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE.

A.G. RANK... Lt.Col. ....

NAME... LAYH, Herbert Thomas Christoph (D.S.O)  
(Showing full Christian and Surname) .....

DATE OF APPOINTMENT... 27/7/16. ....

PRESENT UNIT IN A.I.F. .... 60th.Battln. ....

DATE RECOMMENDED FOR TERMINATION... 24/1/19. ....

REASON FOR TERMINATION... TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF ENLISTMENT.

DATE OF BIRTH... 3/4/85. ....

PRESENT RANK IN CITIZEN FORCES OR SENIOR CADETS... Lieut. ....

UNIT OF CITIZEN FORCES OR SENIOR CADETS IN WHICH SERVING ... 60th.Inf. ....  
(If a Trainee liable under Part XII of the Defence Act, and not serving, the reason to be stated)

REMARKS.....

Brig.General,  
a/Commandant, 3rd Military District.

O.I.C.  
BASE RECORDS.

For your information.

*Emmings* Capt.,  
Lieut.,  
S.O.I. & R.S., 3rd Mil.District.

*24/1/19*  
*24/1/19*  
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE,  
Base Records Office,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

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The Deputy Commissioner,  
Repatriation Commission,

*McBrowne*

REFERENCE:

R 39571 —

21/6/50

Herewith documents indicated relative to the service of the undermentioned  
ex-member of the AIF—

Reg. No.                      Name & Unit                      Documents attached

*Lt Col Layh HTC  
60 Pm*

FOR EARLY RETURN—

AF B103

TO BE RETAINED—

BR Card

Attestation Paper

AF B103

" B178

" B179

" B181

" D1

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" D2

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A & D Cards

*No further documents to*

*[Signature]*  
Officer in Charge AIF Base Records

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29 MAY 1926

St Kilda Rd

DESPATCH

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Attestation Paper not available

Lt. Col Layh H.T.C.  
60/1m

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" I 1257  
AM Form DL (2)  
Hosp. Cards (2)

J.P.

Reg.No.	Rank.	Name & Initials.	Unit.
		Lt. Col Layh H.T.C.	7 Bn ✓
			759 " ✓
			66 " ✓

Overseas Records. *W 3525*

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- " - 178 } O/S File.
- " - 179 } (Case Sheet).
- A.F.I. - 1237 ✓
- A.I.F. Form No. - 536
- A.F.W. - 3172 (X-ray)
- A.F.B. - 181 (Temp. Chart).
- A.F.A. - 45
- V.D. Card.
- Hospital Admission Cards ✓
- A.I.F. Form D.1.
- Patho Exam.
- Radio "
- A.F.W. 1202.
- A.B. 172.
- Syph. Case Sheet.

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The Director,  
Australian War Memorial,  
Home & Territories Department,  
Exhibition Buildings,  
Melbourne.  
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I desire to acknowledge the receipt of  
your communication - 18/1/1 - of the 21st August, and thank you  
for your courtesy in kindly advising this office of alterations  
to addresses, of certain ex-members of the Australian Imperial  
Force, which have been duly noted on the records of all concerned.

Captain,  
Officer i/c Base Records.



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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES—3RD MILITARY DISTRICT.

VICTORY MEDAL

Received One MEDAL for No.

Rank *L. Col.* Name *Layh H.T.C.*

Unit *A.I.F.*

Schedule No. *2308* (Signature) *Layh*

(Witness)

Place *V.A.*

Date *5/7/22* History Card completed *[initials]*

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Please return this receipt as soon as possible,  
duly signed and witnessed, to—

**Medal Distributing Officer,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne.**

C.19015.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES—3RD MILITARY DISTRICT.

Received One B. W. M. MEDAL for No. \_\_\_\_\_

Rank LCpl Name Layh. H. T. C.

Unit A 47

Schedule No. 2310 (Signature) [Signature]

(Witness) [Signature]

Place VB History Card completed [Signature]

Date 19.4.21

D. 180 of 7. 20. — C. 12015. — 100 M.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - 3RD MILITARY DISTRICT  
Please return this receipt as soon as possible,  
duly signed and witnessed, to—

**Medal Distributing Officer,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne.**

C12/15.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES—3RD MILITARY DISTRICT.

Received One 1914-1915 Star for No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Rank *Capt* Name *Lay H. C. Lay*  
Unit *7 Batt*  
(Signature) *Lay*  
(Witness) *W. H. Jones*  
Place *Melb.*  
Date *28/4/20*

C.5956

W.S. 3

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

**Receipt for Document from Defence Department.**

I hereby acknowledge having received from the Officer in Charge of Base Records the undermentioned documents on account of ~~the~~ Lieutenant-Colonel H.T.C. Layh, C.M.G., D.S.O., ex-60th Bn.

Description.  
Royal Warrant and Statutes  
in connection with the  
Order of St. Michael and  
St. George.

Signature *[Handwritten Signature]*  
Date 24.7.22

NOTE.—This Receipt should be Posted to—  
The Officer in Charge,  
Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne, Victoria.

C.12222.

E.H.

20th July, 1922.

DESPATCHED

Dear Sir. 21 JUL 1922

With reference to my communication of the 14th March, I am forwarding herewith the Royal Warrant and Statutes in connection with your appointment as a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, which have just been received from the London Authorities.

Will you kindly let me know whether the package comes safely to hand by signing and returning the enclosed receipt form.

If not Delivered within 7 Days please return to  
Officer in Charge Base Records  
Victoria Barracks, Melbourne.

Major,

Officer i/c Base Records.

Lieutenant-Colonel H.T.C. Layh, C.M.G., D.S.O.,  
c/o Commonwealth Bank,

MELBOURNE.

O. H. W. S.

E.H.

O. H. M. S.

20th July, 1922.

DESPATCHED

The Official Secretary, (Military),  
Australia House,  
Strand,  
L O N D O N.

21 JUL 1922

Receipt is acknowledged of your

If not Delivered within 7 Days please return to  
Officer in Charge, Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks, Melbourne.  
together with the Royal Warrant and Statutes in connection  
with the appointment of Lieutenant-Colonel H.T.C. Layh,  
C.M.G., D.S.O., 60th Battalion, as a Companion of the Order  
of St. Michael and St. George.

Major,  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Tel. No. CITY 1740, EXT \_\_\_\_\_

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:

"CROTONATE, ESTRAND, LONDON."



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO  
THE OFFICIAL SECRETARY.

AUSTRALIA HOUSE,  
STRAND, LONDON, W.C.2.

NO. <sup>AND QUOTE</sup> 9954/7/21 AIF/R

8th June 1922

*Officer i/o Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne*

*re Lt. Col. H.T.C. Layh (CMG: DSO) 80th Bn. A.I.F.*

*With reference to your letter of 14th March  
regarding the appointment of the above named officer  
as a Companion of the Order of St. Michael & St. George  
vide London Gazette 31092 of 1/1/19, I have to advise  
that the Royal Warrant granting him the Dignity of the  
Companion of the Order, together with a copy of the  
Statutes of the Order, are forwarded to you herewith.*



*Miss Hedger*

Lieut. Colonel  
Military Adviser.

Sno.

xxx 4780

E.H.

14th March, 1922.

The Official Secretary, (Military)  
Australia House,  
Strand,  
LONDON.

DESPATCHED

14 MAR 1922

Lieutenant-Colonel H.T.C. Layh, D.S.O.,  
60th Battalion, was appointed a Companion of the Order of  
St. Michael and St. George, vide Supplement No. 31092 to the  
London Gazette dated 1st January, 1919. This officer  
has received the Insignia, but not the Warrant and Statutes  
in connection therewith, and I shall be much obliged for  
any action you may be able to take with a view to their  
early transmission.

Major,  
Officer i/c Base Records.

xxx 4780

H.H.

13 MAR 1922

14th March, 1922.

DESPATCHED

Dear Sir,

*forward*  
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th March, concerning the Warrant and Statutes in connection with your appointment as a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, and to inform you that a communication has this day been despatched to the London Authorities with a view to expediting their despatch. As soon as the documents come to hand, they will be promptly transmitted to you.

Yours faithfully,

Major,  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Lieutenant-Colonel H.T.C. Layh, C.M.G., D.S.O.,  
c/o Commonwealth Bank,

MELBOURNE.

O/p.  
Mrs Hedger  
Accuse & letter to  
London accdgy  
jm

ALL LETTERS TO BE ADDRESSED  
TO THE MANAGER  
CABLE ADDRESS:  
"WEALTHBANK"  
CODES:  
A.B.C. 5TH EDITION.  
BENTLEY S.



Melbourne, 10th March, 1922.

From Lt. Col. H. T. G. Layh *W*  
To Officer in Charge, Base Records.

I have not yet received the Certificate in connection with my C. M. G. and was wondering whether same had been overlooked by the War Office.

When the Insignia of the Order was presented to me by the Governor General some twelve months or so ago, he told me that the "Parchment" had not been received, but that I would probably receive same at a later date.

I should be glad if you would kindly make enquiries in this connection for me.



*W. T. G. Layh*  
*D/G*

*H. T. G. Layh*

RECEIVED from the Officer i/c Base Records, Department of  
Defence, one Certificate for Mention in Despatches, London Gazette  
No. 29890 Cert.No. 3415 (Lieut. Col. H. T. C. Layh, 'C.M.G. DSO.', 60th Battrn.)

*A. Rayh* (Signature).  
15.6.21 (Date).

JUN 23 1921  
RECEIVED

This slip to be returned to the Officer i/c Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, Victoria,  
within seven (7) days.

D.1794.D.70.—C.1287.—5M.

RECEIVED from the Officer i/c Base Records, Department of  
Defence, one Certificate for Mention in Despatches, London Gazette  
No. 31089/337

FEB 18 1920

*Raymond* (Signature).  
12/2/20 (Date).

This slip to be returned to the Officer i/c Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, Victoria,  
within seven (7) days.

D.1704/1.30.—C.1287.—5M.

Mr. Sanderson      Personal request.

Have this copy of  
B.103. sent along to Mr  
Layh at Commonwealth Bank  
of Aust. Melb.

065 10 73

P.M.R. p.c.a.  
5/4/19

VEB.

8th April, 1919.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your call at this office on 5th instant - enclosed herewith is a copy of Army Form B.103 in connection with your service in the Australian Imperial Force.

Yours faithfully,

H.T.C.Layh Esq.,  
Commonwealth Bank of Australia,  
MELBOURNE.

Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

AUSTRALIAN ARMY MEDICAL SERVICES.  
DENTAL (SURGICAL).

A.M. FORM

D.951/K.16—C.10215—12a.

LOCATION.		MILITARY DISTRICT.		OFFICER IN CHARGE.	
NUMBER.	NAME OF PATIENT. <i>Layh. A.T.G.</i>		RANK. <i>A/bd.</i>	REGIMENT. <i>60<sup>th</sup> Btn.</i>	
TRANSFERRED TO		CORPS.		LOCATION.	
DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	TREATMENT REQUIRED.		TREATMENT EXECUTED.		REMARKS.
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No. of Teeth to Extract .. ..			<i>7</i>	<i>9</i>	
No. of Teeth to Fill .. ..					
Artificial Teeth Required .. ..					
Wearing Artificial Teeth .. ..	<i>7</i>	<i>9</i>			
Treatment Executed (Date).....			Signed <i>A.T. G. Layh</i>		

V.D.

1st February 1919.

Dear Sir,

In acknowledging receipt of your communication of the 24th instant, I have to state that the last known address of Lieutenant-Colonel H.T.C.Layh, D.S.O, 60th Battalion, who returned to Australia on 23/11/18 (on 1914 leave) is as under :-

<sup>85</sup>  
83 Munro Street,  
Coburg,  
VIC.

Yours faithfully,

The Secretary,  
Mutual Life & Citizens'  
Assurance Company Ltd.,  
456 Collins Street,  
MELBOURNE.

Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

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THE HON SIMON FRASER, M.C. ALEXANDER MARSHALL, M.C.

MANAGING TRUSTEE  
JOHN DONALDSON, A.L.A.

The Officer-in-Charge,  
Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks,  
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

*VO 243/1*  
If you could without much difficulty furnish us with the address of Colonel H.T.C. Layh, D.S.O. C.M.G., I should be obliged. I regret that I cannot furnish any military particulars to assist in identification.

Yours faithfully,

*[Signature]*  
Secretary.

ALWAYS QUOTE  
YOUR POLICY  
NUMBER  
WHEN WRITING.

54. B-8/19



*Wardlaw 2571*  
*1 JAN 1919*

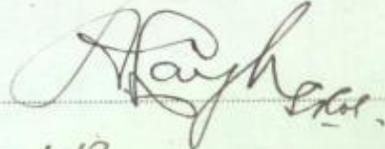
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

**Receipt for Consignment from Defence Department.**

I hereby acknowledge having received from the Officer in Charge of Base Records the undermentioned ( **1** ) Package , being the effects of ~~the~~ **Lieut. Col. H.T.C. Layh, D.S.O.** consigned to me.

No.	Description,
	<b>1 Bar to Distinguished</b>
	<b>Service Order</b>

Signature



Date

**5.9.19**

NOTE.—This Receipt should be Posted to—

**The Officer in Charge,  
Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne, Victoria.**

A.M.

28th January, 1919.

82637

Dear Sir,

I shall be much obliged if you will favour me at your earliest convenience with advice as to whether you desire the Distinguished Service Order, which was awarded to you whilst serving with the Australian Imperial Force, to be presented to you on some public occasion or whether you would prefer it to be transmitted to you direct.

The decoration is now to hand from the War Office and it is desired to dispose of it at the earliest possible moment.

It is proposed, if you do not desire otherwise, to ask His Excellency The Governor-General to arrange for the presentation on some suitable occasion.

Yours faithfully,

Major,  
Officer i/c Base Records,

Lieut.-Col. H. T. C. Layh,  
85 Munro Street,  
COBURG, Victoria.

*Please B. J. to  
Mrs. Layh when  
reply is received.*

E.H.

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

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,

VICTORIA BARRACKS,

MELBOURNE, 28th January, 1919.

In reply please quote

No. 82637

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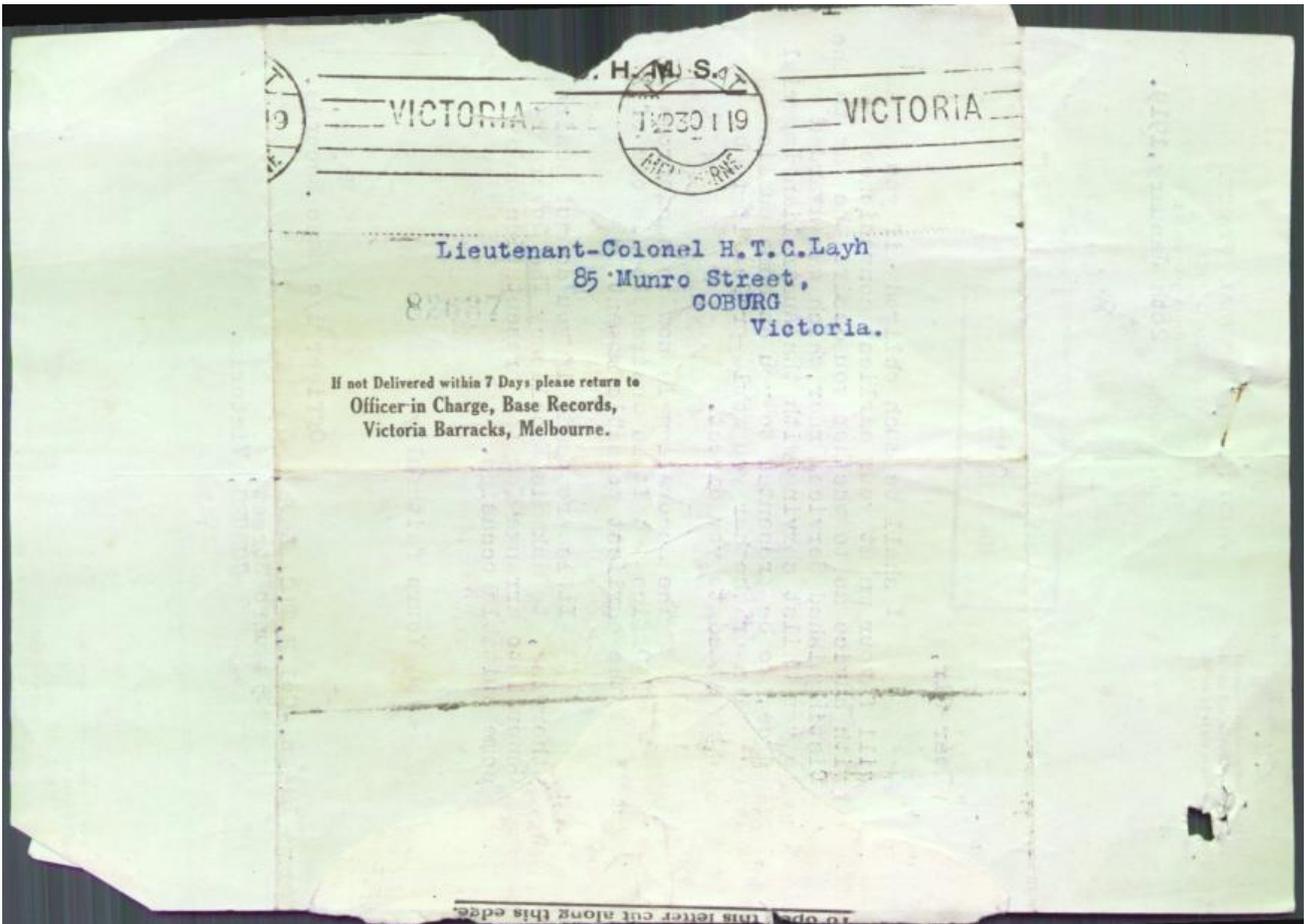
It is proposed, if you do not desire otherwise, to ask His Excellency The Governor-General to arrange for the presentation on some suitable occasion.

Yours faithfully,

*J. Ingham*  
Major,  
Officer i/c Base Records,

Lieut.-Col. H. T. C. Layh,  
85 Munro Street,  
COBURG, Victoria.

Don't forget to advise any change  
address to—  
BASE RECORDS,  
MELBOURNE.



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ACM

20th November, 1918.

Dear Sir,

63035

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st instant and to state your brother, Lieut-Colonel H. T. C. Layh, D.S.O., 60th Battalion, returned to Australia and disembarked at Melbourne on the 23rd instant.

Yours faithfully,

Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

C. E. Layh, Esq.,  
Hay Gas Works,  
Hay, N.S.W.

26 NOV 1918

HAY GAS WORKS,

Hay, 21/11/18. 191  
N.S.W.

The Officer I/C Base Records, Melbourne.

Dear Sir/

Yours of the 15<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> insts. to hand re the return of my brother Lieut. Col. H.T.C.Layh,D.S.O., as I wish to meet him, I would point out that advertising in the press some 24 hours beforehand would not enable me to be there, as first the Melbourne papers arrive here 24 hours after issue, & second that it takes two days to come after arrival of the papers.

Trusting that you can meet my case, I particularly want to see him for any personal information he may have obtained about my son who was killed in action.

Yours faithfully,

*H.T.C. Layh.*

*W. Woodland*  
25/11

NOV 24 1918  
REC'D. 11/30 14/11

BIH

18th November 1918.

Dear Sir,

600 1

I have to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of even date, concerning Lieutenant Colonel H. T. C. Layh, D.S.O., 60th Battalion, and to state you will in the meantime have received this office communication dated 15th instant in reply to your letter of the 8th idem.

Yours faithfully,

Major,  
Officer i/o Base Records.

Mr. C. E. Layh,  
Hay Gas Works,  
H A Y, N.S.W.

# TELEGRAM.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Charges to Pay—Message \_\_\_\_\_

Postmaster-General's Department,

Porterage \_\_\_\_\_

E.T. No. 2  
B.774/18.—C.6649.

To 17 No. 0 38

Base Records Office

A I F Melbourne

This message has been received  
subject to the Post and Telegraph  
Act and Regulations.

DATE STAMP.

All complaints to be addressed  
in writing to the Deputy Post-  
master-General.



STATION FROM. No. OF WORDS. CHECK. TIME LODGED.

Hay 15 1/- 9-34a

Still waiting reply to my letter anzacs

Layh

10-13 do



TIME RECEIVED.

15th November, 1918.

Dear Sir,

590/4

In acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, I have to state only one application form for railway pass is issued in connection with each member of the A. I. F. who embarked in 1914 and is being returned, and as that for next-of-kin to your brother, Lieutenant Colonel H. T. C. Layh, D. S. O., 60th Battalion, has been forwarded to his wife, I, therefore, regret I am unable to comply with your request.

Your brother is reported to be returning under List "L" and the date of arrival will be advertised in the press some 24 hours beforehand. Nothing further is known at present.

Yours faithfully,

Major,  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mr. C. E. Layh,  
Hay Gas Works,  
Hay, N.S.W.

HAY GAS WORKS,

Hay, 8th November 1918.

The Officer in Charge,  
Base Records Office,  
Australian Imperial Forces,  
Melbourne.

Dear Sir/

I understand my brother Lt. Col. H T C Layh, D S O , is returning with the first Anzac contingent; would you kindly inform me the date when he will arrive in Melbourne, and also if I am entitled to a railway pass in order to meet him?

I am the eldest of the family, my father having died since my brother left for the front.

Thanking you in anticipation of an early reply.

Yours faithfully,

*C. Layh*



*NOV 24 1918*  
*26.10.18/11 3.35*  
*NOV 9 30 1918*  
*Spill road and*  
*13/11*

30th August, 1917.

*File*

Dear Madam,

9771

In reply to your letter of the 25th instant I have to state, the Nominal Roll of the 7th Battalion, with which Unit your husband originally embarked, showed his next-of-kin as brother, Mr. E. F. Layh, resident at 121 Male Street, Brighton. The list published in the press in connection with members of the Force who left Australia in October, 1914, and have seen continuous service since, was compiled from these Rolls, and the address given in each case was that of next-of-kin at date of enlistment. You will understand, therefore, why your address was not quoted in connection with your husband.

Yours faithfully,

Major  
Officer i/c Base Records.

*[Signature]*

Mrs. E. Layh,  
85 Munro Street,  
COBURG, Vic.

Layh  
97 Layh

85 Mures St  
Coburg

Hom Roll shows  
71 of Kings address as  
121 Male St  
Brighton, Vic

August 25<sup>th</sup>

Dear Sir

In the list of Original Auzac Officers printed in the Argus. I notice that Colonel Layh's address is given as 121 Male St Brighton and would wish to advise you that this is not correct.

Previous to enlisting Colonel Layh was adjutant in 60<sup>th</sup> Infantry Carlton also 59<sup>th</sup> Infantry Coburg. He resided at 85 Mures St Coburg, and enlisted from that address. He never at any time resided at Brighton. as the notice is misleading to Colonel Layh's friends, I would ask that you kindly correct same, as I and the Colonel's family have resided at 85 Mures St Coburg ever since he went away, and it is still his proper private address.

Trusting a reply and thanking

CORRESPONDENCE SECTION

AUG 28 1917

27 13 221

you in anticipation

I am

wife of Colonel Layh, D.S.O  
59<sup>th</sup> Battalion  
Abroad

Yrs truly  
Beatrice Layh

BASE RECEPTION  
AUG 27 1917  
RECEIVED

HONORS AND AWARDS.

PAGE OF GAZETTE ..... 41 .....

REG'TL No .....

RANK ..... *Lieut Col* .....

SURNAME ..... *Layh* .....

OTHER NAMES ..... *Herbert Thomas Christopher* .....

UNIT ..... *59 Bn* .....

NEXT-OF-KIN ..... *wife Mrs H. T. Layh* .....

(state if mother, father etc.)

ADDRESS ..... *85 Munro St* .....

..... *Kobury* .....

..... *Vic* .....

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

E.F

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
VICTORIA BARRACKS,

MELBOURNE,

6th June, 1917.

Dear Madam,

I now beg

to advise you that  
has been reported

Lieutenant-Colonel H.T.C Layh  
admitted to 3rd Canadian General  
Hospital 21/5/17- suffering from shell gas mild.  
His postal address will be:-

Lieutenant- Colonel H.T.C. Layh,  
59th Battalion.  
Australian Imperial Force,  
Abroad.

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. M. LEAN, Major,

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

D 19/1.17.—C.3416.

Mrs. H.T.C. Layh,  
85, Munro Street,  
COBURG . Vic.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

B.R. Form No. 9.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
VICTORIA BARRACKS,

MELBOURNE,

26th May, 1917.

E.P.  
Dear

I Madam, to advise you that  
now beg has been reported  
His postal address will be:—

Captain H.T.C. Layh,  
suffering fom gas poisoning,

Captain H.T.C. Layh,  
59th ~~Battalion~~ Australian Imperial Force,  
Abroad.

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. M. LEAN, Major,  
Officer in Charge, Base Records.

D.194/5.17.—C.5416.

Mrs H.T.C. Layh,  
85 Munro St.,  
COBURG  
VIC

W.H./FEG.  
W. 867.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE  
BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne, 24th. February, 1916.

**DESPATCHED**

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry dated the 22nd. instant,  
I have to inform you that the address you enquire for  
is as follows:-

**DESPATCHED** Major H. T. C. Layh,  
7th. Battalion,  
2nd. Infantry Brigade,  
1st. Australian Division,  
Egypt.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. G. G. Henderson,  
Equitable Buildings,  
Collins Street,  
Melbourne.

J. M. LEAN, Captain,  
Officer i/c Base Records *awfm*  
Flimsy.

DEFENCE  
W 867  
BASE RECORDS

Geo. G. HENDERSON & SON,  
AUCTIONEER,  
ETC.  
Telephone No. 1222.

11867 Lento  
23/2  
EQUITABLE BUILDING,  
COLLINS STREET.

Melbourne, 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 1916

The War Records Office  
Defence Dept.

Dear Sir,

Will you favour me  
with the address of Captain  
Layh of the 1st Battalion  
2<sup>nd</sup> Inf Brigade.

I believe Captain  
Layh was slightly wounded some  
time back.



Yours truly  
Geo. G. Henderson

4266

25th June, 1915.

Dear Madam,

With reference to yours of the 14th instant, I beg to state that the reason you were not advised of Captain Layh being wounded was, that your name was not shown on his record as next-of-kin. His documents, although stating married, show his father, at Hamilton, as next-of-kin, and he was advised accordingly. I have now noted your name and address, and will advise you upon receipt of any further particulars. Your husband is only reported as slightly wounded.

Yours faithfully,

Capt.

Officer i/o Base records.

Mrs. B. Layh,  
85 Munro St., COBURG.



Capt Layh  
7th Bn  
W 867

55 Munro St

Coburg

14 June 15

The Minister of Defence  
Defence Department

Sir

My husband left here with the  
7<sup>th</sup> Batta, 2<sup>nd</sup> Inf Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Aust Exped force as  
a lieutenant. I have been informed by a cable from him  
that he was wounded on 25.4.15, but have not yet  
received any communication from your Department  
on the matter. I wish to ask that I be informed of  
all particulars, also why I (his wife) have not  
been informed before, as I have also seen it in  
the press

awaiting a reply

I am

yours faithfully

B Layh

wife of Captain H J C Layh

1<sup>st</sup> Aust Exped force



M<sup>rs</sup> Holmes  
B J M

Layh H.T.C. Capt  
W 867

DEFENCE  
11/2/1915  
A.I.F.

CARL LAYH,  
HAMILTON. VIC.

W1652

REGRET REPORTED SON CAPTAIN H.T.C.LAYH SLIGHTLY  
WOUNDED WILL ADVISE UPON RECEIPT FURTHER PARTICULARS.

SECRETARY DEFENCE,  
9/5/15.



16 Byron Street,  
Brighton North, 2/5/15.

The Defence Department,  
Melbourne.

2115 1 166.

Gentlemen ✓

As I have been registered with you as next of kin  
to my brother, Lieutenant H. T. Layh, B Co., 7th Battalion,  
2nd Infantry Brigade, Australian Imperial Force, I would  
be glad if you would kindly note that my address now  
is as above - 16 Byron Street, Brighton North - and be  
obliged to you if you would let me know at once should  
you receive word that he has met with any mishap, so  
that I can inform his wife and our parents before the  
news gets into the press. By so doing you will greatly  
oblige,

Yours respectfully,  
Ernest T. Layh.

Box 1/9/15

Mr. [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

re Mr. [unclear]  
W 867

14 Byron Street,  
Brighton North, 10/1/41

The Secretary for Defence,  
Defence Department,  
Melbourne.

W 867

DEFENCE		
A. I. F.		
112	4	54

Dear Sir

Before my brother (Lieut. H. J. Layh, of B. Co. 7th Battalion, Infantry Brigade, Australian Imperial Force) left for the front he told me that he had instructed the authorities to place my name on the list as next of kin in case anything serious should happen to him, but this has evidently not been done. The reason for my name being placed on the list was that I was residing near his unit and that our parents are both aged and in delicate health, and I could arrange that any bad news should be broken to them. I know that you have wired to my parents, but, fortunately, a week ago we received a private cable announcing that my brother had been wounded and had the news conveyed to them. If you could have my name substituted for my father's it would relieve, in a great deal of suspense, and I know would meet with the approval of my brother, who wished it done, as he not only told me, but also his wife and our parents, that I would receive the news first should anything happen to him, and the whole family have been looking to me for news. I enclose stamped, addressed envelope for reply.

Thanking you in anticipation, I am, Sir,

Yours respectfully,  
Ernest F. Layh

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Enlisted to 1913/15 Star

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

Surname LAYH DSO + Bar C.M.G.  
Christian Names Herbert Thomas Christopher

**Statement of Service.**

Rank	Unit	Date of Appointment to A.I.F.	Date of Subsequent Promotion	Reference to Commonwealth Gazette and other Authority
<u>Lt. Col.</u>	<u>Staff</u> <u>60-64</u>			<u>Continuation form.</u> <u>Award award "DSO" AIF List 390 15/10/14.</u>

**Casualties.**

DECEASED			SICK OR WOUNDED				RETIRED		
Date	Place	Cause	Date	Place	Nature	Returned to duty	Date	Cause	Authority
No. of Grave	Cemetery	Name of Clergyman							

**Personal.**

Civil Occupation	Date and Place of Birth	Married or Single	Relationship, Name and Address of Next of Kin	Remarks



**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

Surname **LAYH** *150*  
 Christian Names **HERBERT THOMAS CHRISTOPHER**

**Statement of Service.**

Rank	Unit	Date of Appointment to A.I.F.	Date of Subsequent Promotion	Reference to Commonwealth Gazette and other Authority
<i>Lt Col.</i>	<i>401 57th General HQ</i>		<i>27.7.12</i>	
<i>Hon. Capt. Lt Col.</i>			<i>15.10.17 3.6.18 24.4.16</i>	<i>A.I.F. List 2426 Supp. N° 30721 7/6/18. 200th list 240</i>

**Casualties.**

DECEASED			SICK OR WOUNDED				RETIRED		
Date	Place	Cause	Date	Place	Nature	Returned to duty	Date	Cause	Authority
No. of Grave	Cemetery	Name of Clergyman							

**Personal.**

Civil Occupation	Date and Place of Birth	Married or Single	Relationship, Name and Address of Next of Kin	Remarks

Record of Service in the Field, also Reference to Decorations, etc., granted, and dates showing the period in each case.

PARTICULARS	Reference to Orders or other Authority
10.5.17 Arrived at C.C. 16. Passed (H.C. 17) to France	M 1204/51
21.5.17 Transf to 2nd Lt 1st Bn 1st Div	M 1204/59
21.5.17 Arrived do Gas Co. Boulton	M 1204/51
24.5.17 Transf to 1st Bn 1st Div Boulton	M 1204/102
30.5.17 1st Lt to England at 1st Lt H.C. 17	A.R. 1204/9. 2021/1051
14.6.17 Unfit all services 1 month	NR
9.5.17 Boar: wounded, is placed on the Seconded List 20/1/17	CR 2328/1/1
28.6.17 M.B. Unfit all services 1 month.	CR 2328/1/1
25.7.17 To proceed to No 4 Comm Depot as 2nd in Command via Major R.R. Kelly overseas	CR 2328/1/1
2.7.17 Dis. from 3rd Lon Sea Hq. to duty. Shell Gas Slt.	1.B. 237. 11/3/17.
16.8.17 1st Lt H.S. to No 4 Comm Depot 17/8/17	CR 2328/24/5.
9.8.17 Placed on Suppy. List	CR 2328/24/5.
8.10.17 M.B. Sidworth Unfit 9 weeks 1st Lt H.S. Sidworth. 2d 2/1/17	CR 2328/24/12
15.10.17 From Suppy. List, is transf. to Genl. List & apptd to command 15th Inf. Bn, vice Jackson.	CR 2328/24/12
8.11.17 M.B. Sidworth Unfit 8.8.3 months 1st Lt H.S. Sidworth. 2d 2/1/17	CR 2328/24/12
At 15th Inf. Bn.	CR 2328/24/12
11/4/18 Proceeded to London in connection with the 100th Anniversary of the opening of Parliament on 1/1/18	CR 2328/24/12
22/4/18 M.B. Sidworth Unfit 10 weeks 1st Lt H.S. Sidworth. 2d 2/1/17	CR 2328/24/12
Special Mention. 1/1/18	CR 2328/24/12
3/3/18 To be allotted to 57th Bn	CR 2328/24/12
25.2.18. PROCEEDED O SEAS, FRANCE	CR 2328/24/12
3.4.18 1st Lt command of 15th Inf. Bn. 1st transf. to 57th Bn 16/4/18	CR 2328/24/12
1.5.18 Transf. from 57th Bn. to command 60th Bn. via Lieut Col. H. Marshall 1/5/18	CR 2328/24/12
3.4.18 1st Lt 57th Bn for 2nd Lt in 1st Div. (1st Lt 57th Bn)	CR 2328/24/12
1.5.18 1st Lt 60th Bn. from 57th Bn (1st Lt 57th Bn)	CR 2328/24/12
1.5.18 1st Lt 60th Bn 1st Lt from 57th Bn 4 to 1st Lt via Lieut Col. H. Marshall 1/5/18	CR 2328/24/12
1st Lt to command 57th Bn. (1st Lt 57th Bn)	CR 2328/24/12
3.6.18 To be Hon. Capt. & to be noted for promotion to next rank of Major on attaining the substantive rank of Capt. in the Aust. Field Force.	CR 2328/24/12
Awarded Bar to D.S.O. (1st Lt 57th Bn) 1st Lt 57th Bn 1/5/18	CR 2328/24/12
1/7/18. 1st Lt to 15th Inf. Bn. 1st Lt 15th Inf. Bn. 1/7/18	CR 2328/24/12
20.7.18. 1st Lt to duty with 60th Bn. (1st Lt 60th Bn) 1/7/18	CR 2328/24/12

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

RECORD OF OFFICERS' SERVICES.

Rank and Name Lieut H.T.C LAYH  
Staff or Unit ~~57th Bn~~ 59th Bn.  
Date of appointment and Gazette ~~11th~~ 11th August 1914 6/6/14  
Promotion (date and Gazette)  
Left Australia in Transport A70 Hororata on 17 Oct 1914.

Refer subsequent to embarkation:-  
Promoted Captain 3rd April 1915 Nº 75/15  
To be Temporary Major 2nd August 1915 15/15? 18/15  
59th Bn Transferred from 57th Bn 27/1/16 BR  
7th transferred to 59th Bn 12.3.16 at 3rd Lt 2 pages 11.10.16 12/1/16 11/1/16  
From Major 7/13th 25/1/16 Col 9 64/16

To command 59th Bn (Lieut) 27/1/16 6/6/16 MO 555/16  
Granted Staff rank Lieut Col when comd 59th Bn 27/1/16 12/9/16 10/1/16  
To be Lieut Col in command 59th Bn 27/1/16 6/6/16 10/2/16  
1/1/17 59th Bn awarded DSO 6/6/17 10/2/17  
1/1/16 Mentioned in Despatches  
9/5/17 59th Bn Placed on Fossilised List M.O. 455/39/17 11/17  
7.11.17 Mentioned in despatches by Sir H. Haig C.O. 57/18 21/1/18  
3-4-18 Trans from Gen List to command 57th Bn. C.O. 119/18 MO 553/18  
1.5.18 Transferred from 57th Bn to command 6th Bn 6/6/18 MO 553/18  
Awar as 2 (Bar) to DSO 11/1/18 Col Rank 11/1/18  
C.M.G. 21/1/18 427

Returned to Australia (Date, Transport, and any other details):-  
Appointment terminated 21/1/19 3rd M.D. Coy 9/5/19

Gazetted from A.I.F.  
C.1299

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE**

Surname *Layh. D.S.O. bar.*  
 Christian Names *Herbert Thomas Christopher*

**Statement of Service.**

Rank	Unit	Date of Appointment to A.I.F.	Date of Subsequent Promotion	Reference to Commonwealth Gazette and other Authority	Remarks
<i>Lieutenant</i>	<i>7th Bn</i>	<i>14.8.14.</i>		<i>CG. 66/194</i>	<i>Trans. to 59th Bn</i>
<i>Captain</i>			<i>3.11.15</i>	<i>1 D.O. 135 CG. 75/15</i>	<i>Apptd. to Temp. Comd of 59th Bn. A.I.F. France 17.12.15</i>
<i>Temp Major</i>			<i>29.15</i>	<i>CG. 185/15</i>	<i>vice Lt. Col. A. Harrison</i>
<i>Major</i>	<i>59th Bn A.I.F.</i>		<i>25.1.16</i>	<i>AD Phil 20</i>	<i>Dist. dated 19.7.16. 26.12.16</i>
<i>Temp. Colonel</i>			<i>27.7.16</i>	<i>AD Phil 74</i>	<i>Granted Temp. Rank of Lt. Col. commanding 59th Bn. A.I.F. dated 27.7.16</i>
<i>Lt. Colonel</i>			<i>27.7.16</i>	<i>To be Lt. Col. in command of Bn. (as per H.M. (Australia) 11.07.16)</i>	<i>while commanding 59th Bn. A.I.F. dated 27.7.16</i>
<i>General</i>	<i>has</i>	<i>15.10.17</i>		<i>A.I.F. has 216</i>	<i>PTU 21/5823 Awarded D.S.O. ad. 9.12.17 Special Mention A.I.F. List 128 Supp. 1.17</i>

**Casualties.**

DECEASED			SICK OR WOUNDED				RETIRED		
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						<i>1.7.15</i>			
No. of Graves	Cemetery	Name of Clergyman							

**Personal.**

Civil Occupation	Date and Place of Birth	Married or Single	Relationship, Name and Address of Next of Kin	Remarks
		<i>. M.</i>	<i>Wife Theatrie. O. Layh. 85 Murray Street. Colbung. Victoria</i>	

Record of Service in the Field, also Reference to Decorations, etc., granted, and dates showing the period in each case.

PARTICULARS	Reference to Orders or other Authority
17.10.16 Appointed to command 5 <sup>th</sup> Div Inf school (temp) pending Lieut Col G.H. Morris arrival from England.	P.O. 11/10/16 16.12.16
22.10.16. Reported 59 <sup>th</sup> Bn from detachment.	P.O. 11/10/16 16.12.16
10.10.16. "On command" at 5 <sup>th</sup> Div Base School of Instruction "In the field"	P.O. 21/7/16 25.10.16
12.10.16. Reported 100 <sup>th</sup> Bn from "On command" at 5 <sup>th</sup> Div Base School of Instruction "In the field"	P.O. 21/7/16 25.10.16
Will temp. command the Div: Inf Sch at Montonville from 17 <sup>th</sup> until the arrival of Lt Col. C.F. Mason	R.O. by G.O.C. 5 <sup>th</sup> Div 17/11/16 p. 1056.
22.11.16. Reported for promotion (4041/1525) from England. Awarded D.S.O. 1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut London Gaz of 29.12.16 No. 2916. <del>H. J. Thomas</del>	L.G. 21/11/16 p. 1056. P.O. 4/11/16 3.2.17
Mentioned in the Douglas Haig despatch of 13.11.16 for distinguished & gallant services a division in the field, (21 <sup>st</sup> Div - 20.1.17).	P.O. 4/11/16 3.2.17
9.5.17. Wounded. (Gas shell)	ARS 1534. C.I.P.A. 14.17.
21.5.17. Adm 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bn by Hosp. Duxelles Shell 1000 set	N.W. 1127
27.5.17. Transferred to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bn by Hosp. Duxelles to 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn by 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn	N.L. 112 27/5/17 11/17
4.6.17. Wounded in action. D.S.O. 4/11/16	P.O. 20/7/17 22.5.17
5.1.18. Moved to 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn "Gatka" at Alet	Boy 112
25.1.18. Received Gallipoli	Boy 112
25/1/18. Moved to 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn 11 <sup>th</sup> Storms. Bullet wound in buttock and left thigh bandaged (U)	Boy 112
30.1.18. Moved to 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn 11 <sup>th</sup> Storms. Metamora	Boy 112
11.6.18. Transferred to 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn 11 <sup>th</sup> Storms. do	Boy 112
26.1.18. Moved to 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn 11 <sup>th</sup> Storms. Toppin in the	Boy 112
1.7.18. Reported the 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn Gallipoli	Boy 112
28.8.18. Posted to 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn & command.	Boy 112
28.8.18. To be second in command of 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn.	Boy 112
16.9.18. Received command of 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn.	Boy 112
27.1.19. Despatched at Alet to 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn 11 <sup>th</sup> Storms per 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn 11 <sup>th</sup> Storms	D.S.O.
24.2.19. 100 <sup>th</sup> Bn 59 <sup>th</sup> Bn. 100 <sup>th</sup> Bn	202-1/19/19
24.2.19. T.O.S. of 59 <sup>th</sup> Bn. Tel. et. Haki	2011.
1.6.19. Moved to 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn 11 <sup>th</sup> Storms. 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn 11 <sup>th</sup> Storms	AL 8801.
13.6.19. Despatched at Alet to 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn 11 <sup>th</sup> Storms.	AL 8801.
2.7.19. Reported for promotion from 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn 11 <sup>th</sup> Storms.	40982
10.8.19. Moved to 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn 11 <sup>th</sup> Storms. 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn 11 <sup>th</sup> Storms	DK 1241/19

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

RECORD OF OFFICERS' SERVICES.

Rank and Name *Herb Layh No 16*

Staff or Unit

Date of Appointment and Gazette

Promotion (date and Gazette)

Left Australia in Transport on 19

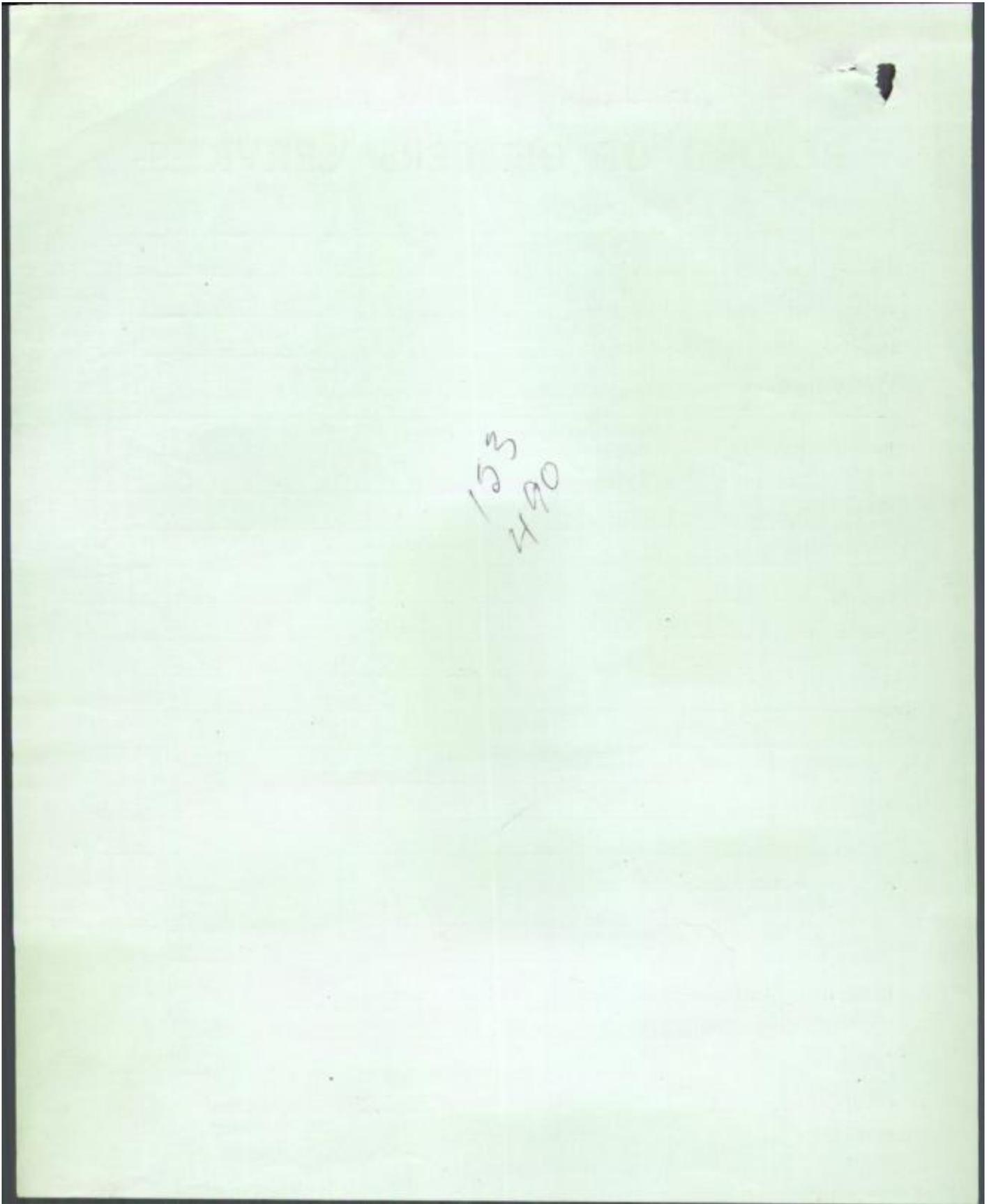
Record subsequent to embarkation:

*Companion of Most Distinguished Order of St Michael & St George  
Mentioned in Despatches*

Returned to Australia (Date, Transport, and any other details):—

Gazetted from A.I.F.

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Dear Madam,

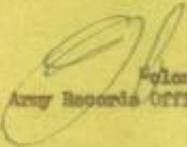
Re: Lt Col Herbert Thomas Christopher LAYH CMC DSO & BAR

60th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

Your letter of 11th April 1967, is acknowledged.

According to records held at this office Lt Col LAYH served on Gallipoli with the 7th Australian Infantry Battalion.

Yours faithfully,

  
Colonel  
OIG Central Army Records Office

Mrs B. MARSHALL  
25 Connell Road,  
MANTON, Vic.

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8 SEP 1938  
 25 FEB 1940  
 20 JAN 1941  
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*Colonel*

OFFICER'S RECORD OF SERVICE. A.M. Form A. 98.  
 (Reprinted November, 1921.)

Regiment or Corps Unattached List

Name LAYH, Herbert Thomas Christopher

Date of Birth 3. 4. 1888 Civil Profession (Melbourne)  
 27 Hillsway St, St. Albans, 6/9/34

Rank	Date	Authority (M.O. number)	Nature of Appointment	Period		Authority (M.O.)	
				From	To		
Ensign	12.10.1908	363/08	Militia Adjutant (from) 60 <sup>th</sup> Infantry				
Lieutenant	12.9.1910	388/09	Transferred to 50 <sup>th</sup> Inf.	1.7.13		455/13	
Captain	30.11.15	61/18	5 <sup>th</sup> Btn. 50 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Regt.	1.7.15	1.10.18	484/15 601/18	
Major	1.6.18	277/18	From 5/59 <sup>th</sup> to 2/37 <sup>th</sup> to command (temp)	21.5.19		329/19	
Lieut. Colonel (Act)	27.7.19	277/19	Granted temp. rank of Lieut.-Col. whilst commanding 2/37 <sup>th</sup>	1.5.19		352/19	
Colonel	1.7.20	336/20	Transferred to 12 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde. & to command temporarily	22.12.19		64/20	
Record of Military Service in the Ranks.			Relinquished temp. command of 12 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde. & transferred to the Unattached List Reserve of Officers				
Military Forces. (Data to be shown.)		Senior Cadets. (Data to be shown.)		30.3.21		224/21	
				30.3.26		A.A.O. 175-26	
Active Service. (Data to be shown.)				20.2.26		L.A.E. 26/26	
				21.7.27		C.S. 24/27	
				31.7.42		CG 132/42	
				Placed on the Retired List			
Australian Imperial Force from 14.8.14 to 24.1.19.							
Orders, Decorations, and Medals.					Authority (M.O.)		
D. S. O.					288/17		
Mentioned in Despatches					288/17		
Do. do.					170/18		
Do. do.					262/19		
Awarded Bar to D.S.O.					77/19		
" O.M.G.					262/19		
Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration					569/24		

6 SEP 1942  
 20 FEB 1940  
 20 JAN 1937  
 20-2-42

### OFFICER'S

Regiment or Corps \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name LAYH, H  
 Date of Birth 3. 4. 1885

Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Authority (D.O. No.) \_\_\_\_\_

Rank	Date	Authority (D.O. No.)	Remarks	Points
2nd Lieut.	12.10.1908	363/08	<b>A.I.F.</b>	
Confirmed	388/09		To be Lieut. 7 <sup>th</sup> Batta. 11.8.11	488/14
Lieutenant	12.9.1910	328/10	To be Captain	3.6.15
Captain	30.11.15	61/15	Temp Major	2.8.15
Major	1.6.18	277/18	Major	28.1.16
Lieut. Colonel (Hon)	27.7.16	87/19	Transferred to 59 <sup>th</sup> Bta	12.3.16
2nd Lt. Col.	1.7.20	336/20	To command (temp)	
			59 <sup>th</sup> Batta	27.7.16
			Granted temp rank of	
			Lieut. Colonel	27.7.16
			To be Lieut. Colonel	
			& to command 59 <sup>th</sup> Bta	27.7.16
			Placed on Seconded List	5.17
			To command 57 <sup>th</sup> Bta	3.6.18
			To command 60 <sup>th</sup> Bta	1.5.18
			Appointment terminated	21.19
				49/19
			<b>A.M.F.</b>	
			1st Batta. 5 <sup>th</sup> A.I.F.,	
			Superannumerary to the	
			establishment pending	
			absorption	12.10.08
			Brought on establishment	1.1.09
			Allotted to 68 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	1.7.12
				363/08
				22/09
				566/12
			Orders, Despatches, and Medals	
			D. S. O.	288/17
			Mentioned in Despatches	
			Do. do.	170/16
			Do. do.	262/19
			Awarded Bar to D.S.O.	77/19
			" U.S.O.	262/19
			Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration	569/24

Record of Military Service in the Rank: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Military Force (Date to to when) \_\_\_\_\_ Senior Grade (Date to to when) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Active Service (If any to to when) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Australian Imperial Force from 11.8.11 to 26.1.19.  
 Name, Relation, and Address of Next of Kin (To be returned to post) \_\_\_\_\_

EXAMINATIONS.			Remarks, commendatory or otherwise, regarding Officer's Service. (Dates, References, etc. to be quoted.)
Rank for which Examined.	Date.	Authority (M.O. or D.O.)	
Cadet {	2nd Lieutenant		
	Lieutenant ...		
Lieutenant	...		
Captain	...		
Major	...		
Lieutenant-Colonel	...		

Schools of Instruction, Staff Tours, Certificates awarded (including instruction abroad).

No.	Name.	Locality.	Date.		Authority.	Result of Examination.		Certificates, Exemptions, etc.
			From.	To.		Theory.	Practice.	
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Record of Special Leave.

Leave without Pay.			Long Leave - A.M.L. 107-2			Remarks showing State or Commensal Service under A.M.L. 410, and Authority
From.	To.	Authority.	From.	To.	Authority.	

Special Qualifications, quoting Authority.

Special Qualifications, quoting Authority.

Special Employment, quoting Authority.

Special Employment, quoting Authority.

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Captain to J. C. Layh

7th Battalion

(9)

Slightly wounded in action  
at the Bardenelles

A. S. F.

- 2/5/15 - C. F. Layh. Notifying change of address (next of Kin father)
- 9/5/15 next of Kin advised
- 10/5/15 - C. F. Layh. Asking his name be substituted as next of Kin
- 14/6/15 - B. Layh. Asking why not informed officially
- 25/6/15 reply <sup>under</sup> Lt

M. F. C. 1528/62 dated 27/15  
list 12

New Conn made  
7/17/15  
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**AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.**

Application for a Commission in the 7<sup>th</sup> Bn 1<sup>st</sup> Aust Imperial Force

No.	Particulars.	
1.	Surname ... Other names (in full) ...	<b>ZAYH.</b> <u>53<sup>th</sup> BATTALION.</u> <b>HERBERT THOMAS CHRISTOPH.</b>
2.	Educational Qualifications ... <small>(Certificate to be attached for session at District Headquarters.)</small>	<u>Senior Bankers Exam.</u> <u>Pupil Teacher</u>
3.	Military Qualifications (previous Military Service, if any, to be stated) <small>(Attention is directed to third sub-para. of C.M. Regulation 66.) Present rank and corps to be stated.</small>	<u>Six years Commissioned service</u> <u>8<sup>th</sup> 60<sup>th</sup> Infantry, last 12 months as Captain</u>
4.	Date on which applicant qualified at a competitive examination for first appointment as 2nd Lieutenant (U.T. Regulation 132)	
5.	Present Civil Employment	<u>Bank Clerk</u>
6.	Date of Birth, and Age ... <small>(Certificate of Birth or Statutory Declaration to be attached for session at District Headquarters.)</small>	Date of Birth: <u>3<sup>rd</sup> April 1885</u> Age: <u>29</u> Years <u>4</u> Months

PAY ...  
59368

Officer's address - see  
corres., dated 21/8/24 -  
  
Epsom Street,  
Caulfield.

Natural born  
Married  
100 St Albans  
C/o COMMONWEALTH BANK MELBOURNE  
Robert Carl Ralph Hamilton  
(Signature of Applicant)

**NOTE.** Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces are required to attach a satisfactory certificate of moral character, or, if they are serving in the Permanent or Citizen Forces, to be recommended by their Commanding Officer. They are also to state on the lack of this form the subjects in which they desire to be examined in Part II, and where exemptions are claimed for educational subjects, the authority for same is to be stated, and where necessary to be supported by certificates.

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.**

In the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces, Proceedings of Medical Board, in accordance with instructions contained in "Standing Orders for the Army Medical Services," will be substituted for this Certificate; such Board, however, will not be assembled until after the nomination of the Candidate to undergo examination has been approved by the Military Board of Administration.

I, J. Jamieson do hereby certify to the correctness of the following particulars respecting the above-named applicant. I further certify that the applicant is not ruptured, has not been operated on for Hernia, and is capable of bearing the fatigue incident to the performance of military duty.

Height 5'7 1/2" Weight 135 1/2 lb.  
Chest Measurement 39 1/4 Eyesight Good

Signature of the Examining Medical Officer  
J. Jamieson

**RECOMMENDATION AND CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.**

(Not required in the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces.)

I recommend that the candidate above named be appointed a Lieutenant in the Corps under my command, and I certify:-

- That such appointment will be within the authorized establishment for the current year.
  - That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 33 have been fully complied with, or
  - That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 132 have been fully complied with.
- (3) That all candidates higher in order of merit, by competitive examination, have been absorbed.

On appointment the candidate will be posted to "A" Squadron, Battery, or Coy., &c.

H. S. Elliot  
Commanding NO 7 Battalion A.I.F.  
Regt. or Corps

**RECOMMENDATION OF DISTRICT COMMANDANT.**

Recommended, candidate considered suitable.

Commandant [Signature] Military District.

† Sub-para. not applicable to be struck out.  
N.B.—Record of War Service (if any) to be shown on back of Form.  
Priority of Candidates as determined by competitive examination to be stated when two or more applications are forwarded on the same date.  
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AUSTRALIAN  MILITARY FORCES.

Application for a Commission in the 7<sup>th</sup> Batt 1<sup>st</sup> Aust Imperial Force

No.	Particulars.	
1.	Surname ...	<u>LAYH.</u>
	Other names (in full) <small>To be in block letters</small>	<u>HERBERT THOMAS CHRISTOPH.</u>
2.	Educational Qualifications... <small>(Candidates to be attached for selection at District Headquarters.)</small>	<u>Senior Banker Exam. ✓</u> <u>Public Teacher - ✓</u>
3.	Military Qualifications (previous Military Service, if any, to be stated) <small>(Attention is directed to third sub-para. of C.M. Regulation 26.) French rank and corps to be stated.</small>	<u>Six years Commissioned Service</u> <u>8<sup>th</sup> 160<sup>th</sup> Infantry, last 12 months as Adjutant</u>
4.	Date on which applicant qualified at a competitive examination for first appointment as 2nd Lieutenant (C.T. Regulation 132)	
5.	Present Civil Employment	<u>Bank Clerk</u>
6.	Date of Birth, and Age	Date of Birth: <u>3<sup>rd</sup> April 1885</u> Age: <u>29 Years 4 Months</u>
	British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject <small>(Candidates to be attached for selection at District Headquarters.)</small>	<u>Natural born</u>
	Single or Married	<u>Married</u>
	Address	<u>M<sup>rs</sup> H. J. C. Layh</u> <u>8<sup>th</sup> Mansfield St. Coburg</u>
	Kin	<u>Father, Carl Layh, Hamilton</u>
		<u>Emp 14</u> <small>(Signature of Applicant)</small>

Note.—Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces are required to attach a satisfactory certificate of moral character, or, if they are serving in the Permanent or Citizen Forces, to be recommended by their Commanding Officer. They are also to state on the back of this form the subjects in which they desire to be examined in Part II, and where exemptions are claimed for educational subjects, the authority for same is to be stated, and where necessary to be supported by certificates.

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.**

In the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces, Proceedings of Medical Board, in accordance with instructions contained in "Standing Orders for the Army Medical Services," will be substituted for this Certificate; such Board, however, will not be assembled until after the nomination of the Candidate to undergo examination has been approved by the Military Board of Administration.

I, J. Jamison do hereby certify to the correctness of the following particulars respecting the above-named applicant. I further certify that the applicant is not ruptured, has not been operated on for Hernia, and is capable of bearing the fatigue incident to the performance of military duty.

Height 5ft 7 1/2 Weight 135 1/2 lb.  
Chest Measurement 39 1/4 Eyesight Good

J. Jamison  
Signature of the Examining Medical Officer

**RECOMMENDATION AND CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.**

(Not required in the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces.)  
I recommend that the candidate above named be appointed a Lieutenant of the Corps under my command, and I certify:—

1. That such appointment will be within the authorized establishment for the current year.
2. (a) That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 23 have been fully complied with, or
- (b) That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 132 have been fully complied with.
- (c) That all candidates higher in order of merit, by competitive examination, have been absorbed.

On appointment the candidate will be posted to A Squadron, Battery, or Coy., &c.  
H. S. Elliot

NO 7 Battalion A.I.F.  
Commanding Officer, Regt. or Corps

**RECOMMENDATION OF DISTRICT COMMANDANT.**

*Recommended, candidate considered suitable.*

[Signature]  
Commandant, Military District.

† Sub-para. not applicable to be struck out.  
N.B.—Record of War Service (if any) to be shown on back of Form.  
Priority of Candidates as determined by competitive examination to be stated when two or more applications are forwarded on the same date.

Lieut. Col. H. T. Layh,  
C.M.G., D.S.O.

40TH BATTALION,  
A.I.F.

DC.

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

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
VICTORIA BARRACKS.

Melbourne, 10th February 1920.

Dear Sir,

I have much pleasure in transmitting herewith one Certificate covering a Mention in Despatches.

Please note that certificates are not being prepared in the order of date of award, and any further certificate to which you may be entitled will be forwarded in due course. No further application is necessary.

Kindly acknowledge receipt upon slip below, and return to the OFFICER i/c BASE RECORDS, VICTORIA BARRACKS, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.

Yours faithfully,

Lieutenant Colonel H.T.C. Layh,  
CMG. DSO.,

~~85~~ ~~Munro~~ Street,  
~~Geelong~~,  
VICTORIA.

C/o Commonwealth Bank  
Melbourne

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McLean  
Major,  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Please note change of address  
H.T.C. Layh

M.

28 bonnell st  
Hawthorn <sup>RELO</sup>  
11th april 1967

Army Records Office.

Dear Sirs,

I want to get some information re my father who left Australia in October 1914 for Egypt & Gallipoli. I don't know his number but he finished up as Lieut. Col. <sup>HERBERT THOMAS</sup> A. J. B. Layh, CMG DSO + bar. with the 59<sup>th</sup> & 60<sup>th</sup> Batts. What I want to know is which Battalion he was with when he left Australia in 1914. I have an idea it was the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion in which case it is rather a coincidence that his grandson has left for Vietnam with 7RAR.

60 BR.

Am sorry I can't give you his number  
etc but he left as a lieutenant  
under "Pompey" Elliot. They had  
been in the "Mildred" together prior  
to the war together with Col. Denehy,  
Col. Suigan, + "Bobby" Johnston who  
died at Villers Bretonneux. They  
were through Gallipoli - Dad was  
wounded in the landing - The  
Somme in 1916 and later the  
retaking of Villers Bretonneux <sup>1918</sup> - after  
which they were sent home on  
leave - and were three weeks on  
the water when Armistice was  
signed.

Hoping you can help me  
in this

sincerely yours

(Mrs) Marshall

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No. *C 9042*  
Rank *Captain* Name *Layh H.T.C.*

*DSO 914307*  
*C.M.G.*

Unit *7th Battalion* *59th BATT. LION.*

Casualty *Slightly wounded in action at the Dardanelles 11/6/15 28/12/15*  
*1. 7. 15 Rejoined Battalion No. 6. 9. 0 Part 2/90/2 Dated 22/1/15*  
*See also No. 6. 9. 0 Part 2/90/2 Dated 16/8/15 (Duplicate entry)*

*Shell Gas (mild) Admitted 21/5/14 to 3rd Canadian Genl Hospital*  
*W.S.M. 465/9042 N London 1/6/17*  
*2/5/17 Dischd from Hospital to Duty No. 257. Date forward 10/5/17*

DATE.	PORTFOLIO.	REF. No.
2 5 15	<i>E. T. Layh stopping change of address No K father</i>	
7 5 15	<i>No K advised</i>	
9 5 15	<i>E. T. Layh asking his name be substituted as No K</i>	
14 6 15	<i>E. Layh asking why not inform us officially</i>	
25 6 15	<i>Left (over)</i>	
CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF		
<i>Use No. 7010 1228 address etc</i>		
22 2 16	<i>G. Anderson asking for address of above</i>	<i>296.</i>
24 2 16	<i>Reply sent to letter of 22/2</i>	
26 MAY 1918	<i>N. O. K. advised re wounded gas poisoning</i>	
26 17	<i>N. O. K. advised in Hospital</i>	
	<i>Reply to Aust for H. T. Layh - Dist "L" left Surg</i>	
	<i>10/10/18 6. 2. 100, 1000 and 1000/1000 Rank D.S.R. 16/10/18, 1918 Leave</i>	
21 1918	<i>N. O. K. return to Aust Form 7 and Card</i>	
	<i>Return to Australia per 1. <i>Leave (Int. No)</i></i>	
	<i>Discharged <i>per</i> M. O. 23/1/18. <i>Special Leave</i> 1914)</i>	
5. 2. 19	<i>Dear Mr. S. D. received. Banded as above officer B. R. 4638/75-4</i>	
24. 1. 19	<i>Appointment terminated 31st M.D.</i>	<i>Copy 9/5/19</i>
17 19	<i>C. M. G. in 1914 per H. T. Layh to B. R. 43/356</i>	
	<i>Form re War Record, A. M. F. List, Despatched</i>	
	<i>11/9/19 <i>Copy of Certificate</i> Ad. 95 <i>Ad</i> 31/1339</i>	
10. 2 20	<i>Men. in Des. Certificate <i>1094/337</i> transmitted B.R.M. <i>43/937</i></i>	
19. 5 20	<i>Men. in Des. Certificate <i>1696</i> transmitted B.R.M. <i>43/937</i></i>	
	<i>1914/1915 Star issued B.R.M. 43/1229/735/580</i>	
2. 9 20	<i>Use issued <i>1914</i> to <i>Officer (801072) B.R. 73008</i></i>	

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Rank Lieut. Col.

Name

LAYH. H.T.C.

C.M.G.  
D.S.O.  
BAR.

Unit

60<sup>th</sup> B<sup>n</sup>

LIST.

Casualty

*Cover Only.*

DATE

PURPORT

*14.7.23. Report on Annual Service etc. of the Order of St. Michael & St. George, re-directed to Office.*