

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE.

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Application for Enrolment as Volunteer for Manufacture of Munitions in Great Britain.

Surname: Allen
Christian Names: Thomas Hall
Age last Birthday: 25
Place of Birth: Macclesfield, Cheshire, England.
Are you a British Subject?: Yes
Married or Single: Married
Present Occupation: Mechanic, N.S.W. G. Tramway Workshops.

Give short statement of apprenticeship or training and subsequent experience: England - Served 5 years with two firms as follows - Pollock & McShal machine tool makers 2 yrs engaged on machine fitting. Millers Bickerton & Day Diesel Oil Engine makers, (this firm was recently taken over by Vickers) 3 yrs, engaged in tool room on jigs & gauges making. Came out to Sydney 1912, & have since engaged for following firms: - Tolson Franks Engineering 1 year fitting. Angus & Sons, Motor Engineers & importers, nine months as motor mechanic. Present employment N.S.W. G. Tramway Workshops. 18 months on jig & gauge making, was engaged on the making of all the jigs & gauges etc, used at Tramway workshops in manufacture of 18 lb shells recently shipped to England.

State specifically where engaged and class of work done during past three years: As stated above I spent the last 3 yrs engaged: - One year fitting for Messrs Tolson Franks. following nine months were occupied with Angus & Sons on general motor car repairs, remaining 18 mths (to date) have been occupied in the service of the N.S.W. G. Tramway Workshops on jig & gauge making. A considerable portion of this time has been taken up in the making of all the jigs & gauges used in connection with the manufacture of 18 lb shells. I am therefore accustomed to strictly accurate work.

Class of work which you desire in England, if available. (State trades or sections of trades in order of preference): Tool & Gauge Work, Fitting, Aeroplane Worker.

Earliest date on which prepared to embark: Nov. 21st 1916.

Give names and addresses of two personal references as to character: Chas. H. Tuttle Mayor of Newtown, Sydney, N.S.W. E.N. Underwood, "Brighton" Bronte Rd, Bronte, Sydney, N.S.W.

NOTE. - Applicants should forward copies (not originals) of not more than three recent testimonials.

DECLARATION TO BE SIGNED.

I hereby declare that the above is a true statement, that I am in good health and capable of undertaking the work applied for, that I will accept duty in the trade capacity allotted to me and at the rate of wage and under the conditions of working prevailing in Great Britain, and will be subject during the period of my stay in England to the direction of the Ministry of Munitions or officer authorized by the Australian Government. I agree to return to Australia at the termination of the war, or earlier, if so directed.

20/c 1-12-16 Registered CM.

(Signature) Thos H. Allen.
(Address) "Hazel Grove" Petersham Rd
Marriekville
Sydney, N.S.W.

(Date) 30/8/16.

RECORDED ON A.M.W. INDEX CARD

: ALLEN.

AUSTRALIAN MUNITIONS WORKER.

Badge No. 620	CHRISTIAN NAMES Thomas Hall	Age. 25	Agreement Signed. 20.12.16.	Passport IN 7.3.17.	Trained as Fitter	Alternative Trades on Application Form. Tool and gauge making.
		Married Single	Is. Drawing Separation Allowance.	OUT. 18.7.19.	Working as Gauge maker.	

REFERENCE SUPPLIED.

N.S.W.	Left Sydney	Per s.s. RUNIC	On 4.1.17.	Arrived at Hull 3x Winifredian	On 5.3.17.
	Left Devonport	Per s.s. "Rugia"	On 18.7.19.	Arrived at	On

DATE.

Qualifications and Previous Record.

1908-11	3 y.	Mirlees Bickerton & Day:	apprentice fitter, in toolroom, jig & gauge making.
1911-13	2 y.	Pollock & McNab:	completed apprenticeship, machine tool making.
1913-14	11 m.	Dobson Franks, Sydney:	fitter.
1914-15	9 m.	Angus & Sons, Sydney:	general motor repairs.
1915-16	18 m.	N.S.W. Govt: Tramway Shops:	jig & gauge making including those for 18 pdr: shells. tool maker; jigs & gauges; works to micrometer and vernier motor experience.

Remarks (NOT INCLUDED IN RECORD ON BACK OF CARD).

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This man's report is satisfactory. His work and conduct call for no special comment.

DATE. ALLEN. T.H.

Record since Landing.

7. 3.17 Reported to Officer-in-Charge, Australian Munitions Workers, London. HULL.
13. 3.17 Left London.
14. 3.17 Began work at Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, as gauge maker.
Returned postcard with particulars.
15. 3.17 Letter from: requesting sub.allow: urgently in need of money.
20. 3.17 Ack: previous letter: 5/- sent, bal: of subsistence due: in view of his urgent need of money £1.
sent as etmporary advance.
16. 4.17 Called: and asked if O.i/c. could do anything to help get his wife over here: told to apply in
writing, when it would be sent to Aust: for action.
13. 5.17 Letter from: claiming sub.allow. owing to strike at Woolwich Arsenal. (Circular 11 sent 30.5.17.)
21. 5.17 Letter from: stating resumed work again.
4. 7.17 Letter to: requesting refund of advances. (£2. & £1.) according to undertaking.
Letter from: notifying change of address. Enquiry re strike sub.allow;
9. 7.17 Letter to: should apply local E.F. re sub.allow;
27. 9.17 Letter to: asking for refund of loans made by this office. (£2. on 8.3.17. £1. on 23.3.17.)
9.11.17 Letter from: Has seen notification in paper of the death of an A.M.W. and writes as Vice Pres: of
A.M.Ws' Assn: to know if their Socy: can be of any assistance.
13.11.17 Letter to: Ack: previous: A.S.West in the amploy of Messrs. Vickers died 9.10.17. Particulars
given. Fuller information might possibly be obtained from the A.M.Ws working at Messrs.
Vickers.
27. 3.18 Letter from O.i/c. to A: requesting refund of £3. advanced to him in March 1917.
22. 5.18 Letter from O.i/c. to A: requesting refund of £3. advanced in March 1917; time for repayment much
overdue.
undated Letter to O.i/c. from A: Will repay money as soon as poss: Has been sick. (Ack: 27.5.18. Would
like to know nature and duration of illness.)
undated Returned med: card. Was suffering from influenza and was off work from 20.4.18. to 29.4.18.
24. 6.18 Called: Wishes for transfer - told to apply at E.F.
4. 7.18 Letter from O.i/c. to A: requesting refund of £3. advanced in March 1917.
undated Letter to O.i/c. from A: States he fwdd. £3. a week ago. (Ack: 18.7.18. Receipt sent.)
23. 8.18 Returned P.C. with particulars. Working for Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, as Machinist.
26. 1.19 Letter to O.i/c. from A: requesting to be repatriated. (Ack: 29.1.19. Due to sail about end of
February.)
12. 3.19 Memo from O.i/c to A. To report at Liverpool on 21.3.19. for embarkation on s.s. Kursk.
15. 3.19 Letter to O.i/c from A. Resires extension of six months, as wife on her way to England. Is in full
employment.
20. 3.19 Letter from O.i/c to A. States that the only extension possible is by placing his name on list of
A.M.W's to be repatriated with last draft. Enquires whether he wishes this done, or to have
Agreement cancelled when wife arrives in England.
22. 3.19 Letter to O.i/c from A. Resires name placed on list for repatriation with last draft. Enquires approx.
date.
5. 6.19 Letter to O.i/c from A. Has received embarkation instructions to sail on last boat without dependents.
Wishes to return with wife but not before September. (Ack. 13.6.19. Had not filled in wife's
name on repatriation form. On receipt of marriage cert. will be listed torsail with her by
s.s. "Rugia" the last family steamer about middle of July.
18. 6.19 Letter to O.i/c from A. enclosing marriage certificate and requesting information re embarkation
port. (Ack. 21.6.19. returning cert. M. of L. consent to wife's return with him.)
9. 7.19 Memo from O.i/c to A. To report at Plymouth 18.7.19 for embarkation on s.s. "Rugia".

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13. 3. 17 Left London.
14. 3. 17 Began work at Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, as gaugemaker.
14. 3. 17 Returned postcard with particulars.
15. 3. 17 Letter from, requesting subsistence allowance, urgently in need of money.
20. 3. 17 Ack. previous letter; 5/- sent, balance of subsistence due: in view of his urgent need of money
£1. sent as temporary advance.

NAME.

ALLEN. T.H.

BADGE NO. A.M.W. 620

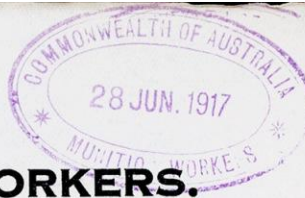
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Undated
25.5.18 Letter from: / Has been sick.
27.5.18 Letter of enquiry to:.
18.6.18 Postcard sent to:.
21.6.18 Postcard returned:- Left work 20.4.18. Returned 29.4.18. Influenza.
18.7.19. EMBARKED s.s. Rugia.

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AUSTRALIAN MUNITIONS WORKERS.



A complete Index-Record of all Australian Munitions Workers is being prepared to forward to the Defence Department, Melbourne. We have already some information about each man, but the particulars mentioned below will enable the record to be much more complete. If there is any other matter which you think should be brought under notice in connection with your work or conditions you might write a short statement in the space marked "General."

Please post this sheet back as soon as possible.

High Commissioner's Office,
Arsenal Branch,
Australia House,
Strand, London, W.C. 2.

S. H. E. BARRACLOUGH,
Lieut.-Colonel,
O i/c, Australian Munitions Workers.

NAME Thomas Hall Allen BADGE No. 620
 EMPLOYED AT Royal Arsenal Woolwich as Gauge maker.
 What class of work are you engaged on? Making fixtures & Gauges Jigs etc.
for the manufacture of Guns in the Royal Gun
Factory
 District rate of wages 63/- per week of 48 hours.
 Are you paid bonus? no If so, at what rate? —
 Are you on piece work? no
 Average hours worked per week (taken over 4 weeks) 80
 Average wage earned per week (taken over 4 weeks) £6
 Maximum wages earned in any week —
 Minimum wages earned in any week —
 Cost of lodgings per week 10/- Cost of board per week £2
 What are the working conditions like in the shop? Good, excepting Ventilation of shop
Washing accommodation none. please investigate matter.
 What are the living conditions like in the district? anything but good cannot get
a decent meal except at great expence. Which we
cannot very well afford to pay
 Have you suffered from any illness, if so, give particulars none

General Please notify me as to the best way of getting my wife over
here or if it is possible to do so. Will forfeit subsistence
allowance in Australia if this can be done. & she is willing
to take the risk of passage. Also if we are supposed to
pay income tax in England as Dan informed that
a number of Australians are not paying same.

Signature Thos H. Allen
 Address 134 Pouis St
Woolwich
London S. E. 18.

Date 26/6/17

[Handwritten initials]

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*Certified True Copy
by for Secretary.*

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No. 4602.

MELBOURNE.

17 SEP 1919

This is to Certify that No. 620 THOMAS HALL ALLEN

proceeded on 4th January, 1917 to Great Britain as a Munition Worker

under agreement with the Government

of the Commonwealth of Australia, for employment under the Imperial Government

or otherwise, and returned to Australia on 14 SEP 1919 on account

of Completion of agreement and his agreement

terminated on 14 SEP 1919

His record during the period of his agreement was satisfactory.

T. TRUMBLE.

Secretary.

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