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B Application for Enrolment as Volunteer for Work as
Navy or Labourer in Great Britain.

Surname Armstrong
Christian Names Herbert
Age last Birthday 41 Years ✓ Place of Birth Chuster, Cheshire, England
Are you a British Subject? Yes Married or Single Married Religion Church of England
Present Occupation Out of employment Dependents Wife and Seven Children

State specifically where engaged and class of work done during past three years

I was employed as a Wood Machinist at the Victorian
Railways Workshops at Newport from 22nd Feb 1910
till 17th Jan 1917, and was then dismissed owing to
reduction of staff.

I volunteered for Active Service with the A. S. F. on 10th July 1915
but was rejected for defective eyesight

Earliest date on which prepared to embark As soon as called upon

Give names and addresses of two personal references as to character

Geo. W B Dempster 9 Karntburn Rd Flinders Lane Melbourne
J. Whinnery Jelong Rd. Footscray 20/2/17.

DECLARATION TO BE SIGNED.

I hereby declare that the above is a true statement, that I am in good health and capable of undertaking heavy manual work, that I agree to all the conditions printed on the back hereof, that I will accept duty in the 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 absence from Australia 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.

(Signature) Herbert Armstrong

(Address) Grainen Road
Off Jelong Road
West Footscray
NB Melbourne
Via Australia

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(Date) 21st Feb. 1917

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ARMSTRONG.

AUSTRALIAN WAR WORKER.

NAVVIERS.

Badge No.	CHRISTIAN NAMES.	Age.	Dependents.	Passport	Agreement Signed.	Occupation before embarkation.	Work of Special Note.
158	Herbert.	41 Married -Single-	Wife 7 ch.	IN 17.8.17. OUT 8.5.19.	M. 30.3.17.	Nil.	
State	Left Sydney.	Per	A.23."Suffolk."	On	24.4.17.	Arrived at Plymouth	On 15.8.17.
Vic.	Left Avonmouth	Per	S. S "Irishman"	On	8.5.19.	Arrived at	On
Allotted to Gang No.	on	at		£3 advance Voyage Allowance has been paid in Australia. 10/- advanced 24.7.17.			
Allotted to Gang No.	on	at		Adjustment due to time of Voyage, including period of sustenance, difference between 60 days and days			
Allotted to Gang No.	on	at		Special Allowance 2s. per day being paid in Australia.			
Allotted to Gang No.	on	at		Allotment from earnings	per week.	Separation Allowance	3/3d 1st. 60 d. per day. 2/2 after.

DATE	Qualifications and Previous Record.
1910-17.	<u>Victorian Rly., Workshops, Newport:</u> Wood machinist.

Remarks (NOT INCLUDED IN RECORD ON BACK OF CARD)
<p>1421</p> <p>This man's report is satisfactory - conduct and work call for no special comment.</p>

DATE.	Record since Landing.
15.8.17.	Reported to Officer-in-Charge, Australian Munitions Workers, London. Plymouth.
27.8.17.	Began work at Messrs. J Brown & Sons, Sheffield, as Store-keeper. Postcard returned with particulars.
29.9.17.	Letter to O i/c from A. enquiring position of A.W.W's in case of illness or accident; also with regard to special allotment to dependants. (Ack.14.9.17 stating :- (1). In event of illness or accident Com: Govt: makes up money to amt: specified in Agreement. (2). That special allotment of 10/6d per week has been allowed to depts: from completion of 60 days on Voyage.)
17.9.17.	Letter to O i/c from A on behalf of A.W.Ws at Firm enquiring:- (1). whether entitled to sub: allow: prior to beginning work in Eng: (2). whether railway warrants can be issued for recognised holiday periods. (3). whether can claim make-up pay to £2.0.6 per wk if only earning e.g. 38/6d per week. (Ack. 6.11.17.
10.12.17.	Letter to O i/c from A. notifying absence from work from 4.2.17- 11.12.17-11.12.17 on a/c of ill-health. Med; Certs: enclosed :- "Suffering from Myalgia" Claims sub: allow:
14.12.17.	Letter from O i/c to A. stating Ac/ts Branch authorised to pay money due from Aug 4th -10th (Inclus) also from Aug 17th-19th (inclus:) at rate of £ 2.0.6 per week (less allotment if any).
23.1.18.	Letter to O i/c from A applying for 10 days holiday pay as Firm closed from December 22nd - January 2nd (Ack.1.2.18 Matter referred to Paying Officer, Ac/ts Branch).
12.2.18.	Letter to O i/c from A and other A.W.Ws enquiring whether in view of increased cost of living, the weekly allotments from earnings can be reduced.
8.3.18.	Letter from O i/c to A. acknowledging above letter and stating further communication on subject will be forwarded later. Informs that arrangements were made with Firm to pay amounts due for holiday period on 4th inst.
25.3.18.	Letter from O i/c to A. Cable sent to Def: with ref: to Allotment Money and reply received, authorising reduction of amount payable from weekly earnings to 5/- per week instead of 10/6d.
18.4.18.	Letter to O i/c from A. with ref to London Rate of Pay and claim for allowance before embarkation (Ack.20.4.18 Question of London Rate referred to Min: of Mun: Further communication being sent to Def: re payment of allowance before embarkation).
27.8.18.	Letter from O i/c to A giving statement of account showing amount still in arrears.
2.9.18.	Letter from O i/c to A. informing of letter received from Def: notifying adjustment of claim for period prior to leaving Aust:
4.9.18.	Letter to O i/c from A showing statement of payments to Messrs. J. Brown & Co (Ack.10.9.18. Account quite satisfactory).
12.12.18.	Memo from O i/c to A. To report at R.A. Docks 21.12.18. for embarkation on s.s. Barambah owing to cessation of hostilities.
18.12.18.	Telegram to O i/c from A. cannot return by s.s. Barambah accident doctors certif. following. Followed by letter and certif.
19.12.18.	Telegram from O i/c to A. Informs Berth cancelled instructions later.
6.1.19	Letter to O i/c from A. States still in doctors hands, but thinks could travel in a fortnights time Has received sick pay from 18.12.18. Manager of Emp; Ex. wish to know if he is to continue paying after the four weeks. (Ack. 9.1.19. asking for med. certif. stating when fit to travel to Aust.
14.1.19.	Letter to O i/c from A. States Dr. cannot tell till following week when he will be fit to travel. Asks if he owes anything on allotment. (Ack. 16.1.19. Requesting full particulars re accident whether fault of railway company. No details appear in certif. or letters important to have them.)
17.1.19.	Letter from O i/c to A. giving statement of his allot. a/c.

ARMSTRONG. H.

- 20.1.19. Letter to O1/C from A. giving details of accident and enclosing doctors certif. stating injury was severely crushed thumb now doing well. A. will be ready to travel by 1.2.19. (Ack. 24.1.19)
- 3.2.19. Letter to O1/C from A. re payment of allotment states has over paid amount and requests repayment of same. (Ack. sending statement of A/C showing debt of £6.3.6.)
- 12.2.19. Letter to O1/C from A. giving full statement of monies and showing he has over paid to the amount of £4.5.0. which he requests may be refunded.
- 18.3.19 Letter to O 1/c from A. Requests permission to go to Lytham to stay with friends, and desires railway warrant for the journey. (Ack.20.3.19. Permission given, but must report at local E.E. or arrival in Lytham.)
- 25.3.19 Letter to O 1/c from A: Remaining in Sheffield, as friends could not get house in Lytham. Requests refund of the £4.5.0. over-payment in respect of allotment.
- 2.4.19 Letter to O 1/c from A: Requests refund of £4.5.0. (Ack.3.4.19. Money deducted from War Workers earnings not forwarded to this Department by the Employers regularly, I present statement of account shows £6.12.6. debit. Has written to employer with regard to allotment so that the matter may be adjusted.)
- 22.4.19 Letter to O 1/c from A: Enquires date of embarkation and requests permission to stay with Brother-in-law in London till date of sailing. (Ack.28.4.19.)
- 28.4.19 Memo from O 1/c to A: To report at Avonmouth 8.5.19. for embarkation on s.s."Irishman".
- 6.5.19. Called re sub: allow: Stated paid by Attercliffe E.E. Augmentation up to 3.5.19.

NAME.	ARMSTRONG. H.		BADGE NO.	A.W.W. 158	EX.	SUMBLK.
4.12.17.	Dr's Cert states:- " Suffering from Myalgia and is unable to follow his employment. Dr's Cert. 10.12.17. States:- " Has been under my care until 10.12.17. and is now able to follow his occupation.					
18.12.18.	Letter from:	Met with an accident this morning whilst on journey to visit relative before embarkation. Enclosed Dr's Cert. 18.12.18. States:- " Suffering from the effects of an accident and is at present unable to follow his employment and in my opinion it is not advisable that he should undertake a railway journey.				
6.1.19.	Letter from:	Am still under the Dr. and hope to be able to leave for Australia in a couple of weeks.				
20.1.19.	Letter from:	Thumb was crushed in door of railway carriage. Saw Dr. to-day and says thumb is going on satisfactorily.				
8.5.19.	EMBARKE d s.s. Irishmen.					
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*Certified True Copy
for Secretary.*

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No. 3238.

MELBOURNE. 8- JUL 1919

This is to Certify that No. 158 HERBERT ARMSTRONG

proceeded on 22nd April, 1917 to Great Britain as a War Worker

under agreement with the Government

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

or otherwise, and returned to Australia on 7- JUL 1919 on account

of completion of agreement and his agreement

terminated on 7- JUL 1919

His record during the period of his agreement was satisfactory.

T. TRUMBLE.

Secretary.

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