

6. I, the undersigned No. 5296. Sapper. John Rimer COWLEY. 2nd Tun. Coy. in His Majesty's Australian Forces and a Member of the Australian Imperial Force, having been granted my discharge by the Commonwealth Government, as and from the **sixteenth** day of **August** one thousand nine hundred and **eighteen**. owing to **taking up employment as an Australian Munition Worker, being med. unfit.** and such discharge having been granted to me in England at my own request, DO HEREBY DECLARE that I have no further claim upon the Commonwealth Government for or in respect of a free passage from England to Australia now or at any time hereafter And do hereby release the Commonwealth Government from all further claims and demands of any kind whatsoever except as regards any Pension to which I may be legally entitled under the War Pensions Act.

Dated in London, England, this **sixteenth** day of **August** one thousand nine hundred and **eighteen**.

Signature

John Rimer Cowley

Witness:—

L.C. Japp 2491

7. Confirmation of Discharge.

The discharge of the above-named man is hereby confirmed for **16th August** (date) **1918**.

(Place) **London. England.**

Signature

[Signature]

Lt. Col for Brig. Genl. Commandant. Administrative Hdqrs. A. I. F.

(Date) **16th August 1918.**

Commanding officers (or the Paymaster, if at Netley) will issue to every discharged soldier whose claim to pension, either on account of service or disability, is to be brought under the consideration of the Chelsea Board, a memorandum for his guidance on Army Form D. 401, and will at the same time transmit to the Secretary, Royal Hospital, Chelsea, a descriptive return of the man on Army Form D. 400.

RESERVATIONS REFERRED TO AT PARA. 5.

(To be signed by the soldier. When there are none, it is to be so stated, and signed by the soldier.)

ALL MY ACTIVE AND DEFERRED PAY DUE TO ME. *(L12)*

SIGNATURE

John Rimer Cowley

WITNESS

L.C. Japp 2491

RECEIVED PARCHMENT CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE NO A130

John Rimer Cowley

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL



EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

Certificate of Discharge of No. 5296 (Rank) Sapper

(Name) John Rimer COWLEY

(Regiment or Corps) 2nd Tun. Coy.

born at or near the Town of London.

in the State or County of Middlesex.

Attested at Brisbane, Queensland on the

15th February 1916 for the Australian Imperial

Force Regiment or Corps at the age of 40.6/12 years.

He is discharged in consequence of taking up employment as an Australian Munition Worker, being medically unfit, with effect from 16th August 1918.

Service towards completion of engagement in A.I.F. 2 years 183 days.

Service Abroad 2 years 183 days.

Medals

and

Decorations

Entitled to following Chevrons for oversea service: Red Nil Blue Two

Signature of Officer Commanding Regiment or Corps.

Lt. Col for Brig. Genrl. Commandant Administrative Hdqts. A.I.F.

Place London, England.

Date 16th August 1918.

Discharge confirmed at London, England.

SILVER WAR BADGE Signature

Lt. Col for Brig. Genrl. Commandant.

No. 717119 Issued.

Date Administrative Hdqrs. A.I.F. 16th August 1918.

SHOULD THIS PARCHMENT BE LOST OR MISLAID, NO DUPLICATE OF IT CAN BE OBTAINED.

WOUND DISTINCTIONS ONE

RECEIVED BY THE MILITARY COMMISSION

N.B.—ANY PERSON FINDING THIS CERTIFICATE IS REQUESTED TO FORWARD IT, IN AN UNSTAMPED ENVELOPE, TO THE MILITARY COMMANDANT,
DISTRICT HEAD-QUARTERS.

Certificate of Character on discharge of No. 5296 (Rank) Sapper

(Name) John Rimer COWLEY.

(Regiment or Corps) 2nd Tun. Coy.

His Conduct and Character while serving in the.....

The practice of including a statement of character or special qualifications on the certificate has been discontinued from 1st January 1918.

Place London. England.

Date 16th August 1918

Signature of Officer
Commanding Regiment
or Corps.

Lt. Col for Brig. Genl.
Commandant.
Administrative Hdqrs. A.I.F.

Description of the above-named Soldier on discharge :—

Age 43yrs ✓ Height 5ft 6½ins ✓
Complexion Fresh ✓ Eyes Blue ✓
Hair Grey ✓ Trade Miner. ✓

Marks or scars, whether
on face or other parts
of body.

3 Vac l.arm. Mole on neck. ✓

Intended place of Residence.....

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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

McG/R 52779.

7th November, 1918.

From. The O.i/c, Australian Munition Workers

To... The Commandant,
A.I.F. Headquarters
130 Horseferry Road
Westminster. S.W.1.

Re - No.5296. Spr. John Rimer Cowley 2nd Tunnellers
Corps - Your reference 1904/10/12, of June
25th, 1918.

This soldier was enrolled as an Australian Munition Worker. In due course he reported to me, and the Ministry of Munitions Employment Exchange instructed him to proceed to work at Gravesend. He refused and privately found work at Messrs Ruston Proctor & Co., Lincoln. It was also pointed out to him that this refusal was a breach of his contract and he has written to the Ministry of Munitions, Employment Exchange stating he was discharged as Medically unfit and that Munitions work was quite an afterthought, also that he definitely refuses to carry out my instructions or those of the Ministry of Munitions.

I have written to Cowley that his disobedience will be overlooked if he will conform to the regulations that his employment must be obtained through the Employment exchange. He has been asked to rectify the position he now occupies by proceeding to the nearest Employment Exchange and registering. This he refuses to do.

I would be much obliged if you could bring pressure to bear on him when he applied for the balance of his deferred pay, by refusing it until he carries out his agreement by which he obtained his discharge from you. This method may not be quite constitutional but as the Ministry of Defence has cabled that he wants as much hold kept on these men as possible, it would help me if you could carry out my suggestion.

(Sgd). S. W. Barraclough.