

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Proceedings on Discharge.

No. <u>2364.</u>	Army Rank <u>Private.</u>
Name <u>Robert Reginald HITCHENS.</u> <small>(The name must agree strictly with that on enlistment, unless changed subsequently by authority.)</small>	
Corps <u>1st Pioneer Battalion.</u>	
Battalion, Battery, Company, Depot, &c. <u>Australian Imperial Force.</u>	
Date of discharge <u>14th May 1918.</u> Place of discharge <u>London. England.</u>	
1. <i>Description at the time of discharge.</i>	
Age <u>23</u> years <u>3</u> months Height <u>5</u> feet <u>4</u> inches Chest (girth when fully expanded) <u>35</u> ins. measurement (range of expansion) <u>3</u> ins. Complexion <u>Fresh</u> Eyes <u>Grey</u> Hair <u>L. Brown.</u> Trade <u>Fitter.</u> Intended place of residence (To be given as fully as practicable.) <u>C/o Mrs. Beadell.</u> <u>63, Sixth Avenue,</u> <u>Bushill Park, Enfield.</u>	Descriptive marks. Anchor Tattoo R. upper arm. Small scar R thigh upper part. Scar Front L. wrist & forearm.
(The measurements and description should be carefully taken on the day the man leaves his unit, but in the case of men sent home from abroad for discharge, the age and intended place of residence should be left blank to be filled in by the Officer who confirms the discharge at home.)	
2. The above-named man is discharged in consequence of <u>taking up employment as an</u> <u>Australian Munition Worker, being medically unfit, with effect</u> <u>from 14th May 1918.</u>	
(The cause of discharge must be worded as prescribed in the King's Regulations and be identical with that on the discharge certificate. If discharged by superior authority, the No. and date of the letter to be quoted.)	
3. Military character	
4. <i>Statement of service in Australian Imperial Force.</i> Service towards completion of engagement <u>2</u> years <u>25</u> days Service abroad <u>in A.I.F.</u> <u>2</u> years <u>25</u> days Total <u>2</u> years <u>25</u> days	<i>Medals and Decorations.</i>
5. <i>Certificate to be signed by the soldier on discharge.</i> I hereby acknowledge that I have received all my pay and allowances (including clothing allowance), and all just demands up to the present date, subject to the reservations of the claims noted on the 2nd page.	
(Place) <u>London. England.</u>	<u>R.R. Hitchens</u> (Signature of Soldier.)
(Date) <u>14th May 1918.</u>	<u>L.C. Gapp</u> (Signature of Witness.)
(When a soldier is absent through illness or any other cause, and it is not desirable to forward these proceedings to him for signature, a manuscript copy should be sent for the man to sign, and when returned should be attached here.)	

6. I, the undersigned No. 2364. Pte. Reginald Robert HITCHENS. 1st Pnr. Bn. 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 Fourteenth day of May 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 fourteenth day of May one thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

Signature R R Hitchens

Witness —

L. C. Tapp 3/4/18

7. *Confirmation of Discharge.*

The discharge of the above-named man is hereby confirmed for 14th May (date) 1918.

(Place) London. England.

Signature

[Signature]

Lt. Col for Brig. Genl.
Commandant

(Date) 14th May 1918.

Administrative Hdqrs. A.I.F.

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 over and above the sum of ten pounds (£10) sterling received by me this fourteenth day of May one thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

WITNESS

L. C. Tapp 3/4/18

SIGNATURE

R R Hitchens

Received Parchment Certificate of Discharge No 993

R R Hitchens 16/5/18

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EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

Certificate of Discharge of No. 2364 (Rank) Pte.

(Name) Robert Reginald HITCHENS.

(Regiment or Corps) 1st Pioneer Battalion.

born at or near the Town of Five Dock, Sydney.

in the State or County of Cumberland.

Attested at Sydney, New South Wales. on the

1st May 1916 for the Australian Imperial

Force Regiment or Corps at the age of 21 2/12 years.

He is discharged in consequence of taking up employment as an Australian Munition Worker, being medically unfit, with effect from 14th May 1918. (Service commenced 20.4.16)

Service towards completion of engagement 2 years 25 days

in A.I.F. 2 years 25 days

Medals

and

Decorations

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

Signature of Officer Commanding Regiment or Corps.

Sgt. S. S. S. (Handwritten signature)

Lt. Col for Brig. Genl. Commandant

Administrative Hdqrs. A.I.F.

Place London, England.

Date 14th May 1918.

Discharge confirmed at London, England.

Signature Lt. Col for Brig. Genl. Commandant.

Date Administrative Hdqrs. A.I.F. 14th May 1918.

SILVER WAR BADGE

No. 113906 Issued.

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

WOUND DISTINCTIONS... One

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. 2364 (Rank) Private

(Name) Robert Reginald HITCHENS.

(Regiment or Corps) 1st Pnr Battalion.

His Conduct and Character while serving in the

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

Special Qualifications has been, according to the Records:—

Place London, England.

Date 14th May 1918.

Signature of Officer
Commanding Regiment
or Corps.

Sgt. Drury

Lt. Col for Brig. Gnl
Commandant
Administrative Hqrs. A.I.F.

Description of the above-named Soldier on discharge:—

Age 23 yrs 3 mos. Height 5ft 4ins.

Complexion Fresh Eyes Grey.

Hair L. Brown Trade Fitter.

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

Anchor Tattoo R. upper arm.
Small scar R. thigh upper part.
Scar front L. wrist & forearm.

Intended place of Residence G/o Mrs. Beadell.

63, Sixth Avenue, Bushill Pk. Enfield.