

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE



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

RECOMMENDED AS FITTER

Surname Bacon

Christian Names Joseph Henry

Age last Birthday 50 Place of Birth Fildare Ireland

Are you a British Subject? Yes Married or Single Married

Present Occupation Engineers Shop Local Dependants Wife

Give short statement of apprenticeship or training and subsequent experience 3 years as improver to

D. J. Robson under a sealed agreement, Macquarie St Hobart from 1888 to 1890. Worked for R. Henneff & Sons Hobart as fitter for a period of 3 years. Worked for Davidson & Brown Hobart as fitter for 3 years and several other Engineering Firms in Tasmania. I have been keeping a shop in Cygnets and repairing both Engin. & Boilers the same being inspected by the Government Inspectors yearly.

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

General all round work viz repairing Engines & Boilers Erecting Machinery in Huon District, also work for Municipal Council

Class of work which you desire in England, if available. (State trades or sections of trades in order of preference)

Other Fitter or Boiler Maker

Earliest date on which prepared to embark Feb 7th

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Give names and addresses of two personal references as to character

C. Gibberts Cygnets J. H. Clark Cygnets

NOTE.—Applicants should forward copies (not originals) of not more than three recent testimonials. [SEE OVER.]

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.

(Signature) J. H. Bacon

(Address) Port. Cygnets

(Date) Jan 31. 1917

AUSTRALIAN MUNITIONS WORKER.

Badge No. 962	CHRISTIAN NAMES. Joseph Henry	Age. 50	Agreement Signed. Not to hand	Passport IN 19.7.17	Trained as Fitter.	Alternative Trades on Application Form. Boilermaker.
	REFERENCE SUPPLIED.	Married Single	Yes.....Drawing Separation Allowance.	OUT. 18.7.19.	Working as Fitter.	

TAS.	Left Freemantle	Per s.s. "Benalla"	On 22.5.17	Arrived at Plymouth	On 10.7.17.
	Left Devonport.	Per s.s. "Bahia Castillo"	On 18.7.19.	Arrived at	On

DATE.	Qualifications and Previous Record.	
1888-90.	∅ 3 y.	<u>D.J. Robson, Hobart., improver.</u>
1890-93.	∅ 3 y.	<u>R. Kennedy & Sons., Hobart, fitter.,</u>
1893-96.	∅ 3 y. 6 m.	<u>Davidson & Brown., Hobart, fitter.</u>
1896-1917.	21 y.	<u>Repairing Engines & Boilers on own account and working for Municipal Council.</u>

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

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

A.M.W. 1a-7,590 -10/7/17.

DATE. BAGON J.H.

Record since Landing.

21. 7.17 -- Reported to Officer-in-Charge, Australian Munitions Workers, London.
23. 7.17 Began work at Sopwith's Aviation Co., Kingston-on-Thames, as fitter.
25. 7.17 Returned postcard with particulars. ✓
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- 6.1.19 Letter to O/c from B., stating has filled in form No.415 for passage as single man. Now is getting married and wishes to take wife and three children out to Australia with him. Requests instructions.
- 9.1.19 Letter from O/c to B., instructing him to fill in another form correctly for his dependents, and return it to this office. Name listed for late repatriation. then
- 11.3.19 Called; Wished for extension of time as was thinking of getting married. Told that he would/have to go on a dependent's boat.)
- 14.4.19 Letter from O i/c to B. Enquires if married:if so must send copy of marriage certificate(Ack.19.4.19 Not getting married. Wishes to stay till last boat in order to get more experience in the new work firm have just started on)
- 24.4.19 Letter from O i/c to B. Will be repatriated with last draft.
- 19.6.19. Letter from O/c to B. Is listed to sail about 7th July and will receive further instructions. Request explanation on following matter, before record can be marked satisfactory. On application Form stated he was married, but wrote last June to say he intended to get married. Must explain by return if he has wife in Australia in receipt of allow: from O' Health Govt:.
- 20.6.19. Called: to state that wife in Australia was not expected to live 6 months after he left. Had heard from friend of her death (But did not produce letter) Had written for death certificate but up to date not received one. and letters from daughter & Son in Australia do not state if she is living. Has meanwhile not filled in repatriation Form for anyone in England Told that if wife had died Defence would probably have informed this office.
- 5.7.19. Memo from O/c to B. to report at Millbay Docks Plymouth on 14.7.19. for embarkation on s.s. Bahia Castillo".

COPY.



*Certified True Copy
JY for Secretary.*

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No. 4382.

MELBOURNE. 20th October 1919.

This is to Certify that No. 962 JOSEPH HENRY BACON
proceeded on 8th May, 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 18th October 1919 on account
of Completion of agreement and his agreement
terminated on 18th October 1919.

His record during the period of his agreement was satisfactory.

T. TRUMBLE.

Secretary.