

JAN 29 1917

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE.

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

Surname Cass
Christian Names John William
Age last Birthday 42 Place of Birth Sheffield, England
Are you a British Subject? Yes Married or Single Married
Present Occupation Blacksmith Dependents Wife + two children

Give short statement of apprenticeship or training and subsequent experience
Learned my trade at Wm Lee & Sons Sheffield and worked there for 14 years, as blacksmith & tool smith,
Worked for over 3 years at Fitchie Bros Auburn, as blacksmith, also at Garden Island, left there at the time of the strike and went back to the Public works department at the Homebush Abattoirs

State specifically where engaged and class of work done during past three years
Fitchie Bros Auburn rolling stock trade, at Garden Island, ship's work.
And at the Public works Department at the Homebush Abattoirs as tool & general smith, where I am at present employed

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

Earliest date on which prepared to embark At your convenience

Give names and addresses of two personal references as to character
M^r Pratt, 23 Garristie, St Leichhardt, Sydney.
M^r W. Fingle (Pughdale) Webb, St. Birchwood

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. W. Cass
(Address) 25, Garristie, St Leichhardt Sydney
(Date) 27 Jan: 1917

DATE.

CASS, J.W.

Record since Landing.

- 29.7.17. Reported to Officer-in-Charge, Australian Munitions Workers, ~~London~~ Plymouth.
- 3.8.17. Began work at Messrs. Harding, Wace & Chelishere, as Blacksmith.
- 4.8.17. Returned postcard with particulars.
- 15.8.17. Letter to C. enclosing a personal letter for C. inadvertently opened at Ministry of Labour.
- 4.3.18. Letter from O. i/c to C. asking for remittance of £1, advanced to C. on S/S "Ulysses" at Capetown. Amount to be returned to War Office according to instructions from Defence. s.
- 17.3.18. Letter to: O. i/c from C. enclosing £1, as directed. (Ack. 20.3.18.)
- 29.4.18. Called: with reference to non-payment of wages owing to dispute between Firm and Ministry of Munition Manager communicated with. Says Government have stopped payments - C. will be given week's notice and one week's pay if he does not take work elsewhere in meantime C. sent to Aldwych Employment Exchange with reference to further employment.
- 15.5.18. Began work with Messrs. Picketts Ltd., Enfield Small Arms Factory, as blacksmith.
- 17.5.18. Card returned with particulars.
- 21.5.18. Transfer form from Ministry of Labour: C. to be transferred to R.S.A.F. Enfield, owing to closing down of previous Firm. (Ack. 27.5.18.)
- 27.9.18. Transfer from sent to O. i/c from Employment Exchange, Enfield. C. transferred to Messrs. White Bros Woolston, near Southampton, transfer arranged on health grounds. (Ack. 1.10.18.)
- 7.10.18. Letter to O. i/c from C. asking for passport to return to Sydney, reasons stated - Wife's bad health and C. himself in bad health and under doctor's treatment.
- 9.10.18. Letter from O. i/c to C. informing him Defence only allow A.M.Ws. to be returned when certified unfit by A.I.F. Medical Officers, or under their directions. If C. can forward medical certificate from Panel Doctor, case will receive immediate consideration.
- 6.11.18. Called with reference to ill health. Brought Dr's Medical report certifying C. suffering from chronic bronchitis and unable to work - Recommended dryer climate. C. stated off work one week. Came to London on warrant - would like work in London or Sheffield. Sent to Employment Exchange Department, Ministry of Labour.
- 13.11.18. Letter to O. i/c from C. renewing application for passport. (Ack. 15.11.18.)
- 13.11.18. Transfer form to O. i/c from Employment Exchange, Strand, C. transferred to Royal Arsenal, Woolwich. Transfer arranged because C. discharged from previous firm owing to ill health. (Ack. 18.11.18.)
- 22.11.18. Letter to O. i/c from C. regretting unable to work on account of Influenza. Medical Certificate sent to Employment Exchange.
- 29.11.18. Letter from O.i/c to C. acknowledging letter. Asks C. to send date of leaving work, also date of returning.
- 29.11.18. Memo from O.i/c to C. To report at Australia House on 12.12.18. for instructions re repatriation.
- 11.12.18. Telegram from O.i/c to C. Owing to accident to propeller, ship sailing postponed. Await further instructions.
- 4.1.19. Memo from O.i/c to C. to report at Aldwych Employment Exchange on 8.1.19.
- 6.1.19. Memo from O.i/c to C. to report at Paddington on 10.1.19. to proceed to Avonmouth for embarkation on S/S "Thongwa"

NAME.	CASS. J.W.	BADGE NO. A.M.W. 1580.	EX. "Ulysses".
7.10.18.	Letter from:-	Not in best of health. Under Dr's care.	
6.11.18	Called:	Off work one week. Sent to London on warrant. Shows Dr's Cert. 4.11.18. " stating suffering from Chronic Bronchitis. Unable to work. Recommend him to change to a dryer climate. "	
12.11.18	Was transferred . -----		
27.11.18	Letter from:	Unable to work on account of an attack of influenza. Med.Certs: with E.E.	
10.1.19.	REPATRIATED		

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*Certified True Copy
for Secretary.*

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE.

No. 1383

MELBOURNE,

20 MAR 1919

This is to Certify that No. 1580 JOHN WILLIAM CASS,

proceeded on 9th 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 10 MAR 1919 on account

of COMPLETION OF AGREEMENT and his agreement

terminated on 10 MAR 1919

His record during the period of his agreement was SATISFACTORY.

T. TRUMBLE.

Secretary.