

Extracts from the Personnel File
of James Percy WEDERELL,
aka James RHODES

Certificate of Enlistment

AUSTRALIAN

MILITARY FORCES.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

(related to the James Percy WEDERELL)

No. 369

Name RHODES JAMES
Unit B Coy 3rd Batt.
Joined on 26/8/14

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? 1. James Rhodes.....
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... }
near the Town of Tauranga..... in or
in the County of New Zealand.....
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a }
Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the }
latter, papers to be shown.) 3. Natural Born.....
4. What is your age? 4. 26 yrs 9 mths.....
5. What is your trade or calling? 5. laborer.....
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, }
where, to whom, and for what period? 6. No.....
7. Are you married? 7. No.....
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) .. }
8. (Father) Robert Rhodes.....
Papanui Road.....
Christchurch New Zealand.....
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? .. }
9. No.....
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His }
Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Inco- }
rrigible and Worthless, or on account of Con- }
viction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Ser- }
vitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace }
from the Navy? 10. No.....
Miss M. Rhodes
49.1 Barbados
St Alban's
Christchurch
N.Z.
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His }
Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the }
Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, }
or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not }
now serving, state cause of discharge 11. No.....
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous }
service? 12. Yes.....
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's }
Service? If so, on what grounds? 13. No.....
14. (For Married Men and Widowers with children)— }
Do you understand that no Separation Allowance }
will be issued to you either before or after }
embarkation during your term of service? 14. ✓.....

I, James Rhodes..... do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children.*

Date 26/8/14.....

James Rhodes
Signature of person enlisted.

*This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men, or widowers without children under 18 years of age.

DATED _____ 1916.

IN THE MATTER of James Percy Wederell
otherwise J. Rhodes, deceased

DECLARATION
of
MARGARET WEDERELL as to identity

RAYMOND & STRINGER,
Solicitors,
Christchurch-----

In the matter of JAMES PERCY WEDERELL otherwise J. Rhodes formerly of Canterbury New Zealand and lately a member of the Australian Expeditionary Force now deceased.

I. MARGARET WEDERELL of Timaru in the Provincial District of Canterbury in New Zealand widow do solemnly and sincerely declare:-

1. I am the widow of the above named James Percy Wederell deceased.

2. The said James Percy Wederell was a son of Charles Wederell late of St Andrews Pareora in the said Provincial District Hotelkeeper.

3. I was married to the said James Percy Wederell at Timaru on the 12th day of January 1910.

4. At the time of my marriage the said James Percy Wederell was employed as a clerk by the Canterbury Frozen Meat and Produce Export Company Limited at Pareora aforesaid of which Company Mr Robert Rhodes of Bluecliffe St Andrews aforesaid was a Director.

5. In or about the month of April 1913 the said James Percy Wederell left the said Company and in or about July 1913 went into business at Akaroa in the said Provincial District as a Hotelkeeper.

6. The said James Percy Wederell got into financial difficulties in the business of Hotelkeeping and left New Zealand by the Steamship "Maunganui" on the 8th day of April 1914 for Sydney.

7. I have never seen the said James Percy Wederell since he left New Zealand as aforesaid nor have I heard from him.

8. In or about July 1915 Mrs Burne of Chester Street, Timaru showed me a postcard which she had received from her son Cyril Burne written in Egypt in which he stated that Percy Wederell was there in the Hospital going under the name of Rhodes.

9. IN July last I was shown by Commissioner Cullen the head of the Police Department of New Zealand a photograph

of three soldiers one of which I recognised immediately as being that of the said James Percy Wederell. I have been since informed that the said photo was taken in Egypt and that the man whom I recognised as aforesaid was that of the man who was a member of the Australian Military Forces under the name of Lance Corporal Rhodes.

10. I have been shown at the General Post Office in Christchurch aforesaid the effects sent to New Zealand to be delivered to Robert Rhodes as the effects of Lance Corporal Rhodes and amongst them a watch which bears an inscription stating it was presented to James Percy Wederell. I recognise this as being the same watch as one which was presented to the said James Percy Wederell by his fellow employee in the employment of the said Company. I was present when the presentation was made and the said watch I have frequently seen during my marriage.

11. From the foregoing facts and circumstances I now state that I have no doubt whatever that the said Lance Corporal J. Rhodes was the said James Percy Wederell.

12. Attached hereto is a copy of certificate of my marriage with the said James Percy Wederell.

AND I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act 1908"

Declared at Timaru in New Zealand this 2nd day of December 1916 before me :

Margaret Wederell

W. D. Campbell

A Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand and a person entitled to administer oaths and declarations in New Zealand.