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Table of Important Life and Military Events

DATE	DETAIL	NOTES 1	NOTES 2
1879 28 th August	BORN <i>Albert Edward Harrison</i> Brick St Richmond Victoria William Harrison Carpenter Public Servant Royal Mint & Catherine (Kate) Harrison (nee) Miller Home Duties	18 siblings 10 surviving children	
1894 March 29th	MOTHER DIES: Catherine (Kate) Harrison (nee) Miller 56 years, Kew Asylum Patient, Cerabel Haemorrhage Late of Hartwell Victoria	BORN: Edinburgh Scotland	PARENTS: Paul Miller Shop Proprietor Elizabeth Ross (originally Inverness)
1897 (cir)	MATRICULATED: South Melbourne College: Colour Sergeant in Cadets	17-18 years of age Under Scholarship	
1901 15 th January	JOINED IMPERIAL ARMY Boer War Melbourne 5 th Victorian Mounted Rifles Rank Corporal promoted to Sergeant DOB: Aug 28 th 1879 Occupation: farmer 68 Inches tall, Chest 34 ins Marital Status: Single Father: William Harrison Albert Road Strathfield NSW Religion: Cof E -Left Melbourne for South Africa: February 15 th 1901 via Ship Orient -Disembarked Port Elizabeth -Train to Pretoria March 24 th 1901 & Middelburg, -Eastern Transvaal April 10 th 1901, -First Trek against Boers. North to Deloga Bay Line from April 13 th 1901 -At Rhenoster Kop May 7 th 1901, -Operations with right wing of Contingent from May 11 th 1901 -Engagements at Klippin, Kornfontein, Drivelfontein, Note: AEH wasn't present at the Wilmansrust Incident the night the Boers attacked the sleeping camp. He was camped nearby, (see) newspaper article Essendon Gazette written by him regarding this incident -Rested at Middelburg July 2 nd 1901, -Train to Newcastle, Natal August 10 th 1901, Vryheid and Luchiel's Nek in October -Balmoral January 1902 and at Elandsberg and Standerton - Maitland Camp Capetown per St Andrew March 27 th 1902, - Disembarked Port Melbourne April 26 th 1902 discharged same day.	RESIDENCE: 34 Kerford Road Albert Park Victoria Important: Age correct here	AWARDS: Queens South Africa Medal with clasps Cape Colony Orange Free State, ransvaal, South Africa 1901 Medal South Africa 1902 Medal
12 June 1901			
1902 April 26	Disembarked Port Melbourne , discharged from 5 th		

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	Victoria Mounted Rifles the same day		
1906 August 28th	MARRIED: Christ Church C of E Brunswick Melbourne Victoria Albert Edward Harrison 29 Clerk of Richmond Victoria & Nora Blamey 31 Domestic duties of Probus England Witness, Arthur James Harrison (Snr) Brother & WJ Blamey father of Nora	RESIDENCE: 61 Rundell St North Fitzroy Important: Actual age was 27 years not 29 as reported	PARENTS: William Harrison Catherine Harrison William James Blamey Celia Heady
1908 February 2nd	FATHER DIES: William Harrison 81 Years of age Born: Bury Yorkshire. from Cowling Glusburn Yorkshire England	RESIDENCE Brushgrove General Store NSW Aust.Living with William & Thomasina & Ethel and Cecil Wallwork	PARENTS: Henry Harrison Cattle Dealer Henrietta Watson Originally from Earby in Craven
1908 Armadale 1910 Kew 1912 Brighton	3 x CHILDREN BORN: Albert William Harrison Sydney Roy Harrison Cecilia May Harrison		
1912 (cir)	MOVED TO SYDNEY NSW		
1913 NSW	1 x CHILD BORN: Victor Harrison		
1915 March	OFFICER TRAINING Gazetted May 15 th 1915 (G of A)		
1915 June 24th	JOINED AIF WW1 Sydney 5 th Infantry Brigade, 19 Battalion, D Company Australian Imperial Force Occupation: Traveller -Age: 38 2 nd Lieutenant Transport Officer 5'10" High, 12 Stone, 37"-41" chest Religion: CofE	RESIDENCE O'Donnell St Coogee NSW Important: Actual age is 36 years 38 is a fabrication	WIFE: Nora Harrison (nee) Blamey He married an older woman and deliberately upped his age
1915 June 25th	Embarked Sydney on the Ceramic to Egypt		
1915 July 7th	Appointed Lieutenant aboard Ceramic		
1915 July 24th	Arrived Suez Egypt		
1916 Jan 16 th	Reported for duty Tel-Al Kebir Egypt		
1916 Jan 24 th	Attached to 2nd Divisional Train Ismaila		
1916 Jan 26 th	Rejoined Btn Kurrajong		
1916 March 18 th	To join BEF at Alexandria		
1916 March 25th	Disembarked at Marseilles Trench and field warfare at Pozieres and Ypres Salient France		
1916 August 16 th	Granted Temp Rank of Captain , by Donaldson		
1916 September 4 th	Promoted to Captain in the Field by Donaldson		
1916 September 18th	At Ypres France		
1916 September 20 th	Sick in the field to Hospital "Shell concussion, not buried but shaky, headache since, sleep disturbed, has cough and Bronchitis"	Shell shock Influenza, Bronchitis	
1916 September 26 th	Placed onto seconded list (France)		
1916 September 30 th	Transferred to 3rd London general Hospital Eng	Influenza, Bronchitis	

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1916 December 16 th	Admitted 3rd General Hospital	Poisoned left knee horse kick and Shell shock	
1917 January 17 th	Discharged from 3rd London Hosp to Furlough and report Perham Downs	Age on medical documents reported as 41 years of age	
1917 March 3 rd	Marched into Infantry Overseas Drafting and Training Depot Perham Downs		
1917 May 3 rd	At No7 Camp obtained £15 without authority of which he was incharge		Was receipted according to proper procedures
1917 May 12 th	At No7 Camp obtained £ 25 without authority, of which he was incharge		Was receipted according to proper procedures
1917 June 3 rd	AWOL 10 Days Until June 13 th June, had applied, confusion at base with commanding officer		Urgent personal business in London Had to square something up
1917 June 30 th	Escaped whilst under arrest , a few hours and returned same day without objection	Found in neighbouring town Andover Escorted back to Tidworth	Had been drinking, no resistance in apprehension
1917 July 29 th	Courts Martial Capt AE Harrison Dismissed in England held at Tidworth July 26 th –July 29 th “The court recommended to the King that the accused be recommended to mercy as his record of service was creditable to him and was a good one”		
1917 August 23 rd	The King confirmed the findings and the sentence carried into effect, dismissal from the service	Probably confirmed by Haig	
1917 August 28 th	Dismissed from the service by Sentence of General Court-Martial, returned 28days pay		
1917 September 2nd	Form B213 to B108: From O’Seas training Dept Perham Downs move out to Headquarters London		
1917	Was to return to Australia on Transport “O” but failed to do so, has no further claim on AIF	Transport “O” was a code name for the designated ship	
1918 March 22 nd	Base records requests information regarding the dismissal of AE Harrison as no information is available at this office		
1918 May 1 st	Nora Harrison requesting information on the fate of her husband		
1918 May 3 rd	Base records responds to Nora’s letter regarding no knowledge of AE Harrison since his GCM, unable to tell of his whereabouts or whether he will return to Australia		
1918 June 13 th	AIF Administrative Headquarters Westminster London Memorandum that AE Harrison Ex Capt Harrison applied for discharge in England he has been instructed that his final discharge will be 1918 August 28 th	Very unusual date as he was discharged exactly a year earlier????	AIF did know of his location, not honest with Wife!!! See May 3rd
1918 August 28 th			
1919 Oct 10th	DETAIL OF CORRESPONDANCE SENT TO NORA HARRISON “I forward herewith form of Commission covering the	Sent to Nora by the Army to inform her of Albert’s location and	Under cover of the “Form of Commission” The Major who acted

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	<p>appointment of your husband, Ex Captain AE Harrison, 19th Battalion, as a Temporary 2nd Lieutenant in the Regular Forces of the British Army, for transmission to him. This refers to his first appointment to Commission and not to his subsequent rank”</p> <p>“Will you kindly let me know whether same comes safely to hand by signing and returning the attached receipt form Officer I/C base records”</p>	<p>whereabouts in England etc. Nora acknowledged receipt of this document</p>	<p>against him in the GCM conveyed information re, fate of AE Harrison</p>
1919 Oct 24th	Receipt of Commission Form Signed by Nora Harrison and returned to Victoria Barracks Melbourne	The actual letter is the “Form of Commission”	
1918-1920 May 27th	Correspondence between Wife and AIF Paymaster identified on Pay Cards during 1918-1920 regarding payroll allotment and war Gratuity to wife	Significant correspondence regarding war gratuities to wife	£44-14-2 paid to wife as War Gratuity RG1356 May 27 th 1920
1920 November 20 th	Courts Martial documents sent to Attorney Generals Dept Australia No 21492		
1922 August 22 nd	Medal Distribution , board proceedings, automatically forfeits, appears to have been given Victory medal	Signature across medal logo on Records	
1922 November 22nd	Card in Personal Records , noting “Capt Harrison AE Repat 0/205”	Some sort of file designator regarding repatriation	

Age and Event Table

Note: His age was apparently increased to close the age gap with his wife this variation continued into his Military service

EVENT	EVENT DATE	AGE GIVEN	ACTUAL AGE	DOB IDENTIFIED	DOB CALCULATED	INFO INTEGRITY
BIRTH	1879-28-08	0Y	0Y	1879-28-08	1879-28-08	TRUE
BOER WAR	1901-15-01	21Y	21Y	1879-28-08	1879-28-08	TRUE
WEDDING	1906-28-08	29Y	27Y	NOT GIVEN	1877-28-08	INCORRECT
AIF WW1	1915-24-06	38Y 6m	35Y	1876-28-08	1877-28-08	INCORRECT
COURT MARTIAL	1917-23-07	39Y	37Y	NOT GIVEN	1878-28-08	INCORRECT
RED = FABRICATION						

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Holdings: UK Military Officers Records

NAME	RANK	REF No	SERIES	STATUS
HARRISON A (ALBERT)	Capt'n	31331	WO374	NAA RANG & REJECTED + SEEN
HARRISON AF	Lt	31333	WO374	STILL TO BE RESEARCHED
HARRISON AL (ALFRED LOUIS)	Lt	31337	WO374	RECEIVED & REJECTED + SEEN
HARRISON AE (ALF EARNS'T)	2'nd Lt	31332	WO374	RECEIVED & REJECTED + SEEN
HARRISON AH	2'nd Lt	31335	WO374	SEEN AT KEW- REJECTED
HARRISON SA (SYD ALBERT)	2'nd Lt	31462	WO374	RECEIVED & REJECTED
HARRISON A		31340	WO374	SEEN AT KEW- REJECTED
HARRISON A		31334	WO374	SEEN AT KEW- REJECTED
HARRISON A		31336	WO374	SEEN AT KEW- REJECTED

> = spelling

Holdings: UK Military Medal Index Cards

NAME	RANK	REF No	SERIES	STATUS
HARRISON AE (AIF) ALBERT EDWARD	CAPT'n	13875	WO372/09	On suspense list, no other details, This is definitely my man
> HARRISSON AE	T Lt	27546	WO372/24	Royal Army Medical Core, London Gazette 06/07/17 page 6770
> HARRISSON AE	T Lt	31437	WO372/24	RAMC, LGS-06/07/17, VOL- 30169, PG-6770 (could be)?
> HARRINSON AE (EARNEST)	T-2'nd Lt	13884	WO372/09	
HARRISON AL	MAJOR	13911	WO372/24	DSO 10 th Bed & North Fus
HARRISON SA (SYD ALBERT)	2'nd Lt	10371	WO372/09	RASE Not likely
HARRISON A	2'nd Lt	13763	WO372/09	West York Reg,
HARRISON AH	CAPT'n & Major	13896	WO372/09	Card similar to AE Harrison's, died in 1918, Alfred Herbert,
HARRISON AL	CAP'n/	14080	WO372/09	Retired Brigadier Not Likely
HARRISON A	T-2'nd Lt	27527	WO372/24	Nth Lancashire Reg, temp Capt'n DSO not likely
HARRISON ACG	T-2'nd Lt	27527	WO372/24	4 th Dragoon Gds, not likely
HARRISON A	T-2'nd Lt	31432	WO372/24	
HARRISON 'S	Six Men	13915	WO372/24	None likely on whole card
HARRIS AEF	CAPT'n	27506	WO372/24	22/6/15 Not Likely
HARRISON AP	MAJOR	13915	WO372/09	27/12/14 Not likely
HARRISON E	CAPT'n	14080	WO372/09	Ret Brig, Not likely
HARRISON'S	Six Men	27528	WO372/24	None likely on whole card
HARRISON A	Lieut	18767	WO372/09	130/Baluchis /Indian unit

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Links to Files Held at the Australian National Archives

HARRISON Albert Edward (Captain) : Service Number - NA : Unit - 19th Battalion, Australian Imperial Force : Date of Court Martial - 29 July 1917].

NOTE: AVAILABLE AS PDF DOWNLOAD (65 pages)
<http://naa12.naa.gov.au/scripts/Imagine.asp?B=12017141&I=1&SE=0>

HARRISON Albert Edward : Service Number - Captain : Place of Birth - N/A : Place of Enlistment - N/A : Next of Kin - (Wife) HARRISON Nora

NOTE: AVAILABLE AS PDF DOWNLOAD (86 pages)
<http://naa12.naa.gov.au/scripts/Imagine.asp?B=4741402&I=1&SE=1>

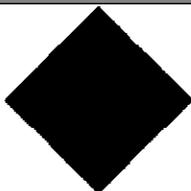
Information in relation to two soldiers discharged in England Captain Harrison and T J Robson

<http://naa12.naa.gov.au/scripts/ItemDetail.asp?M=0&B=4665422>

Harrison, Albert Edward [WWI repatriation file] [Box 11592]

<http://naa12.naa.gov.au/scripts/ItemDetail.asp?M=0&B=6821660>

Battle History 19th Battalion AIF WW1

YEAR	THEATRE OF WAR	YEAR	THEATRE OF WAR
1915	GALLIPOLI & SUVLA	1918	BROSEINDE
1915-16	EGYPT	1918	POELCAPPELLE
1916 & 1918	SOMME	1918	PASSCHENDAELE
1917	POZIERES	1918	AMIENS
1917	BAUAUME	1918	POLYGON WOOD
1917	BULLECOURT	1918	BROSEINDE
1917	YEPRES	1918	BROSEINDE
1916-1918	MONT ST QUENTIN, HINDENBURG LINE, BEAUREVOIR FRANCE AND FLANDERS	1918	HAMEL
1918	MENIN ROAD	1918	ALBERT
1918	POLYGON WOOD		
UNIT ID		UNIT ID	

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Age and Year Table

YEAR	AGE	YEAR	AGE
1915	36 Years	1922	43 Years
1916	37 Years	1923	44 Years
1917	38 Years	1924	45 Years
1918	39 Years	1925	46 Years
1919	40 Years	1926	47 Years
1920	41 Years	1927	48 Years
1921	42 Years	1928	49 Years

Holdings: of Records & Documents All Sources

TITLE	AGENCY	DETAIL	DATE	STATUS
COURT MARTIAL	AIF, NAA	Eighty Five pages, all court transcripts & sentence & defence doc's	26-29 JUNE 1917	HELD & AVAILABLE ON-LINE
ATTESTATION & PERSONAL FILE	AIF, NAA	Sixty five pages all personal AIF documents	1915-1922	HELD & AVAILABLE ON LINE
CORRESPONDANCE BETWEEN PM'S OFFICE, NSW PREMIER'S OFFICE AND DEPT VET AFFAIRS	AIF,NAA	Three pages regarding Robson and Harrison Dismissed in England and not repatriated to Aus		HELD & AVAILABLE ON DEMAND
DVA INDEX CARD REPATRIATION FILE	VIC PROV	One card showing reference numbers in Sydney NAA	Notation G2-20470 1298673	HELD AND AVAILABLE ON REQUEST
DVA FILE, PENSION AND REPATRIATION	AIF NAA	One folder in Sydney NAA,	No documents found in this folder Box No 11592 NAA	NOT VIEWABLE BUT AVAILABLE ON REQUEST
AIF PAY CARDS	AIF NAA	Two pages showing pay and allotment arrangements for Wife	1915-1920 Applications for War Gratuity by Wife	HELD & AVAILABLE ON REQUEST
BRITISH ARMY MEDAL INDEX CARD "WITH AIF NOTATION"	UK NA	One Medal Card showing Ex Capt AE Harrison AIF	"On Suspense list"??	HELD & AVAILABLE ON-LINE
REPAT CARD EXTRACTED FROM PERSONAL AIF RECORD	AIF NAA	One card showing ref #'s, name and illegible words associated with AEH	22-11-1922 0/205 "REPAT" Capt Harrison AE, "??Rds only"	HELD AND AVAILABLE ON REQUEST